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#### THE ARTIST AND THE PEOPLE.

BY ERNEST NEWMAN.

Is it the fault of the composers or of the peoples at national songs are as a rule such poor stuff? Why should our soldiers in France go marching to the most wretched of music-hall songs when we have composers of the calibre of Elgar and Bantock in the country? Is it that the composers cannot write the sort of music that will satisfy at once the musician and the populace, or that the populace has no ear for any but the most obvious music? In his D major 'Pomp and Circumstance' March, Elgar has given the soldiers an ideal piece of 'popular' music in the best sense of that term. I wonder how many soldiers know it, and of those who do, how many realise how thoroughly good it is? It gives one an uneasy sense that we artists and the mass of mankind live in different mental worlds, over the frontiers of which it is impossible for either us or them to pass into each other's territory. The potency of art resides not so much in what it actually says as in the response it calls out from each hearer's past intellectual and emotional life. Elgar's March seems to me a vigorous, bacing piece of music, full of the animal spirits that one would expect to be of irresistible appeal to the soldier. But do I only think so because the music complies perfectly with my notions as an artist of what a breezy march should be; and does the soldier, lacking the more or less conventional artistic mould into which to pour his feelings, fail to see Elgar's work quite as I do, and so fail to appreciate it as I do? On the other hand, certain music stirs an emotion in him that I, for my part, frankly cannot imagine any intelligent human being feeling an interest in. From musical food that I should call unbearably coarse or insufferably sloppy, he seems to extract at least as much spiritual nourishment as I can extract from Bach or Wagner; and I am not at all prepared to by that, in the last resort, it is not spiritual nourishment of much the same kind as well as the same degree. To me a song like 'The Rosary' is merely the snivel of a distempered puppy; but I can well believe that to the man in the street, or the maiden in the picture-house, it opens such glimpses of paradise as are given me by things like Bach's Aria for the G string or the Adagio of

mental strain that we all went through at the commencement of the war. It is no disparagement of art to say that it is not life, -indeed, as artists, we have always had to insist both on the ideality of art and the impossibility of confusing the quality of the art with the character of the artist. But in times of supreme crisis one begins to understand the Philistine point of view that art is merely a plaything for idle hours. During the first few weeks of August we were all of us, I think, intellectually and emotionally shaken as we have never been before by any trouble, public or private. I can speak with certainty, of course, only of my own state of mind, but no doubt it was that of many others. I found myself for some weeks incapable of thinking seriously about music,-not from any panic fear, but simply because, in face of the tremendous realities that life suddenly opened out before us all, music seemed to me utterly remote and unreal. It was not merely that to sit at home and pamper the soul with delicate, sweet sounds while the blood of Europe was being poured out, appeared as callous as to be fiddling while Rome was burning; it was that the critical appraisement of music-the occupation in which some of us have to spend our lives-suddenly took on an almost ludicrous air of insignificance. in the name of all that was rational did it matter whether a particular melody of Strauss's was good or bad, or whether Rimsky-Korsakov was or was not an over-rated composer at present? To sit down solemnly and write at length about such things, and be prepared to fly at the throat of any one who contradicted us, seemed as absurd as for a family to be quarrelling a whole day about the relative merits of the humming of this insect or that in the garden, while inside the house some one was dying in slow agony.

This mood is bound to pass away, of course. Art would not have been evolved as it has been through all the centuries were it not as vital a part of our being as the desire for food or for love; and when the normal balance of our mental life has been restored, we artists will come to think, as before, that art, in its own way, is as real as what the world calls reality. But that frame of mind requires a certain ease in life, a certain abstraction from life: and the value of our recent experiences is the proof that artistic emotion cannot exist in the soul at the same time as an overwhelming emotion derived from reality, and the inference this perhaps authorises that the reason the 'people' are not more artistic is that for them 'life' is too real. In the daily struggle with poverty, disease, and death, there is little time for looking beyond and within to the new Jerusalem. It is a familiar phenomenon that to the Swiss mountaineer the Alps are less a vision of unspeakable beauty than a means to a livelihood. One must come to reality the Ninth Symphony. The curious thing is that from a distance, see it from a distance, and see it in face of the supreme realities of life, art—even to comparatively rarely, to colour it with the ideal. artists and lovers of art—becomes strangely small To the millions who yearly trudged over Westand unreal. We see this incidentally in the minster Bridge, it was simply a footway to the day's general abandonment of concerts for the whole toil and back again, to be forgotten when the day's coming year during the first few weeks of toil was over; it needed the sudden flashing of the

view of it upon a Wordsworth's eve for the wistful poetry dreaming within the stone and iron to make itself visible and audible:

> ' Dear God! the very houses seem asleep; And all that mighty heart is lying still.'

There comes a time in many thoughtful artists' lives, I imagine, when they are inclined to turn their back upon art as being a somewhat selfish enjoyment, seeing that the bulk of mankind are debarred from it by the sheer necessity of working to provide the artist with the leisure that is essential I am not saying that this is a rounded view, for in the last resort the world is as rich by the music of those feckless and economically useless persons Wagner and Hugo Wolf as by the potatoes of the Irish farmer. But it is a view that occurs to one sometimes, and a view that has some justification. In his 'Multitude and Solitude Mr. Masefield has given fine expression to this impulse of the disillusioned artist to cease his traffic with imaginary things and bend his back to the hard common labour of the world.

Quite recently I received a letter from a lady connected with the theatre and the opera, who was trying to work out some difficult problems of her art in a poor fishing village on the Scotch coast. 'But away here,' she wrote me, 'where the men grab a hard living from the sea, I feel the whole thing's not worth a whistle.' That was my own feeling for an hour or so the other day. I was in the organ loft of the great hall of a university that has been turned into a soldiers' hospital. organist was playing to men who had been wounded in the fighting round Mons. All that the musical culture of my life has been devoted to obtaining for me seemed to fall away from me like a useless garment: as one thought of the broken bodies in the hall below, and what those bodies had endured day after day that we might live at ease at home, the touch of shame that was inseparable from the thought of that ease put it out of the question that one should coddle his soul with the customary dainties of music. Certain great and grave music would have harmonized with the scene, but not much, I confess, that I could think of. other hand,—and this was strangest part of the experience for me-I found myself not only tolerant but, in some inexplicable way, positively appreciative, of music that at any other time would have moved me to derision. The men had sent up a list of the music they would like to hear: it was mostly of the 'Tipperary' and 'Lost chord' type, though one soldier had asked for what he called the 'Rachmanov' Prelude. To forget the place and the scene, as one managed to do for an odd monient, was to become an artist again, critical of the music as music, and contemptuous of it when thing in comparison with Wagner's other music out from it was artistically bad; but when one turned one's eyes again on the beds below and saw the men

One ceased to be an artist: one's psychological simply adjusted itself without an effort to that of the men. And for the first time in my life I began to understand how the people can love their poor music as they do. These irreflective beings asnot individualists as artists and art-lovers are They cannot live alone: their mental life is not sure enough or deep enough for that. On their days of holiday, in their evenings of leisure, there shun solitude as they would the plague: they mus be in a crowd or they will die of boredom. The true artist's pleasure is a solitary thing. The enjoy a book, a picture, a landscape, he prefen to be alone, or at any rate in the compan only of someone tuned to the same spiritu pitch as himself; he would prefer to savour his music also alone, if the nature of the an did not make association with others mostly inevitable. So he develops his feelings and his perceptions to new and ever new refinements To the people this intensive culture is impossible Enjoying in crowds as they do, the sensations of the finer individuals among them can neve develop in subtlety beyond the sensations of the average among them. A song of Schubert of Wolf, a nocturne of Chopin, a prelude of Bach, is the cry of a solitary spirit that really needs no companionship in its own intellectual life: and here and there a spirit, for the moment made approximately fine, responds to the cry. But a popular song is only a greatest common denominator, a reach-me-down suit that has to be made course and shapeless so that it may hang with much the same rough congruence upon a larger or a smalle, a thinner or a stouter body. And for the artist to sympathise with the popular point of view he has to stand shoulder by shoulder with the people's some crisis in which he unconsciously discards for the moment, all the qualities that separate him as an artist, from the crowd.

And so, to return to the purely artistic standpoin we begin to understand why the songs that nation takes to its heart-especially its patrioti songs-are as a rule such inferior stuff. There is no community of spirit between the great compose and the nation as a whole; they inhabit differen worlds; neither speaks a language that is quit doubt an If the nation and is phrase th understanded of the other. great men were one in the arts of peace as the Grenadie are in the arts of destruction, it is to its great men variant that the nation would instinctively turn at time like these. But the psychology of the crowoof thing. becomes the dominant factor, and in that pyschology pause on This the in the sti there is no room for the real artist. I can the scabl artists seem instinctively to recognise. recall no memorable piece of music that has been the tune directly inspired by war except the 'Kaisermarsch new rhyt of Wagner; and this, though it indeed gives end. W eloquence unparalleled elsewhere to the ourselves an psychology of the crowd, is after all but a pool composed Brahms tried to beat the military drum in hisadly dou 'Triumphlied,' but this sort of banging and firin or would drinking in the strains and occasionally joining in and strutting was really alien to his reflective laste has them, the worst music lost its power to annoy. The could wish that the best of our long way

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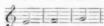
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English poets and the best of our English musicians would co-operate to express for us in some great and enduring song just what we are all feeling to-day. But that is not to be. There have been some fine poems in the newspapers during the past few weeks; but it is not these, but some mechanical doggerel of the school of Kipling, that is to be set to music, and the music is presumably to be of the sort that has long made the popular English ballad an offence to musicians. Perhaps the people's instinct is the right one: they know what they m. The want, as their apologists are so fond of telling us. In the past they have gone to the third- and fourthe prefers ate men for their national songs, as they are doing spiritual savour the an to-day. The national anthems of the world are, on the whole, a deplorable lot. It is only the associations of 'God save the King' that prevent even the man in the street from seeing what wretched commonplace it is. 'Rule, Britannia' is hardly better: it never really hits the heroic it is possible always aiming at; its pompous periods symbolise ations of only the protrusion of the national stomach, not the swelling of the national chest. The Austrian n never National Anthem is good music because it was ns of the written by Haydn without any thought of the nation; both this and the Russian Anthemneeds no the work of Lvov-owe their musical quality to the ife: and fact that they make no attempt to give voice to the warlike psychology of the crowd. Both these nt made songs, indeed, are much too sober for fighting purposes. The Belgian National Anthem, 'La But a minator, Brabançonne,' is a poor thing to the outsider who e coarse judges it simply as music, though no doubt to our nuch the smaller, gallant Ally it is sanctified by associations. 'Die artist to Wacht am Rhein' is in itself a thoroughly commonw he has place tune; but it has the advantage of gaining in people in impressiveness when sung by large masses of men. The one really national song-i.e., a song that discards rate him, has really come from the people, not from the accredited composers of a race—that is worth the paper it is written on, is 'La Marseillaise.' There is genius in that, though it is the genius of the patriotic amateur. It is weakest at the end, as an amateur's There's music always is: the final phrase of the song seems compose to me like a ridiculously small and unimpressive different tail attached to a big and fierce tiger. It was no is quite doubt an instinctive sense of the weakness of this in and its phrase that made Schumann reject it in 'The Two n and it phrase that made Schumann reject it in 'The Two as the Grenadiers,' and finish his quotation with a reat met variant of the second line of the song. But at time 'La Marseillaise' is for the most part the right kind e crowd of thing. The swift leap to the dominant and the schology pause on it in the opening line are like a rider rising This the in the stirrups and drawing a flashing sabre from I car the scabbard: the modulations in the middle of has been the tune are admirably expressive, as is also the marsch new rhythmic turn given to the melody towards the ed gives end. We should have reason to congratulate to the ourselves if, in default of our recognised a poo composers, some Rouget de Lisle were to spring r music out from the ranks of the people to-day; but one in hisadly doubts whether the people can produce him, nd firit or would recognise him if they saw him. Their effective taste has been irreparably debauched. It 's a long, st of on long way from Tipperary to 'La Marseillaise.'

#### MUSICAL CLICHÉS AND COPYRIGHT. By G. H. CLUTSAM.

(Continued from page 512.)

A very simple progression—the ascent of the scale from the third to the dominant:



has attracted innumerable composers as a fundamental in their search for an appealing tune. In its primitive expression Handel may be cited:



with Rossini:



and Mendelssohn:



among a hundred and one others, but Beethoven in his finest Trio (Piano, Violin, and 'Cello) gave it a definite form and dignity that have seldom been attained by its myriad unconscious plagiarists:



Delightfully ingenuous use has been made of this theme by our English ballad writers, and for really popular samples Sir Arthur Sullivan, in a sentimental



and in his comic-opera style :



with Signor Tosti, who, despite his nationality, was one of the most refined and talented exponents of a form of song-writing that England has for good or evil made entirely her own:



can be quoted as essentially typical.

One of the first successes of Johann Strauss, the king of terpsichorean music of the domestic or social kind, by extending the descending variant:



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which, curiously enough, was perverted by Waldteufel into another successful waltz without anybody recognising the similarity:



and which came over later (about ten years or so ago) in a comic opera from Germany in a new version which kept barrel organs very busy for that fairly well-defined period that marks the limitations of popular success:



As an incident it might be pointed out that one of the most attractive—from the sentimental point of view—songs that ever made an appeal to the sympathies of the less-cultured section of the German nation, was the following tune by Bendel:



One version, of a deep and poetical character, that has exercised its influence on thousands of all nations in time of mourning, is from Chopin:



and it is scarcely necessary to quote the Funeral March ('Saul') of Handel, which the Polish melody appears to have displaced of recent years for obsequial ceremonies, but the basis on which the tune pivots is practically identical.

Another elaboration of the phrase, by an effective persistence, enabled Rubinstein to find a theme for one of his most popular pianoforte pieces:



The myriad unblushing plagiarisms of the idea by average composers that clamour for its protection by law, year in year out, can easily be discovered by those interested, but that the aristocrats of music-making have not been impervious to its spell, and that the critical cognoscenti appreciate the familiar without recognising its actual banality, can be demonstrated by the much-lauded breadly-swinging phrase allotted to Chrysothemis by Richard Strauss in his 'Electra,' and form a fitting conclusion to the illustrations:



There are other cliches not less significant the the two cited which would repay examination. course, the notes of the diatonic scale are natural limited, and even their sequences suffer regulation The hopelessness of any attempt to create a new tune from the contents of an ordinary scale is sell evident. The melody of the future will be evolved from harmonic progressions, from the contents of generously elaborate chord devices, but new from the line process. Some of the most indifferent composers are already feeling the point, and the are wearing to death a number of chord-sequence clichés that would provide ample material for a lengthy article if the spirit moved one. As an illustration of this tendency, the following progression:



with one or two variants in the harmonic treatment of the F= or F=, has become almost insufferable by the frequency with which it is glibly offered for consumption. In one publisher's thematic catalogue printed on the back of a song whose main appeal to popularity was based on this identical phrase nine out of the round dozen specimen first-eight bars flaunted the progression in one form or the other. Practically all the music of an extremely popular kind must necessarily be reminiscent. It composer, - as composition is done nowadays with the aid of a pianoforte, and fingers that can only go the way of reminiscence, - honestly believes her evolving at least an original form of a musical thought that should prove attractive to the public he appeals to; and curiously enough, if the public has heard it before or is in sympathy with its protoplasmic parentage, it has all the possibility with generous luck, of establishing itself as a success. The happy tune that carries our troops in rhythmic swing through the roads of England France, and Belgium (vide the newspaper correspondents) has been written almost note for note years ago as a popular Irish ballad. The difference between 'Lileen Alannah' and 'It'sa long, long way to Tipperary' is only a rhythmical one, but the composer of the soldiers' marching song can be very proud that he hit upon the diversion A correspondent has suggested that it would be difficult to find a good popular melody written by a 'reputable' English composer, based on the lines of the descending scale. To fit the adjectival requirements I can offer one by Sir Edward Elgar. and its goodness and popularity are scarcely to be questioned:



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By H. C. COLLES.

On September 1 the National Anthems of the four Allies were brought together in the programme of the Promenade Concert at Queen's They had been assembling gradually according as Sir Henry Wood found time to score them for his orchestra; first 'God save the King' and 'La Marseillaise,' a little later the Belgian La Brabançonne,' finally the well-known Russian me'Godsave the Tsar' (or 'God, the All-Terrible') ampleted the quartet and cemented the alliance.

While we speak of them all as 'national anthems,' two of them, the French and the Belgian, are scarcely well-fitted by the term anthem,' which bears a distinctly religious connonation, and the Russian tune, the work of a military composer of the last century, has not quite the wide significance for the Russian people that our national song has for us. The fact is that 'God save the King' has been the parent of Like so national anthems in other countries. many other British institutions it was not made; it just grew. The most careful research has failed to reveal its origin. Dr. W. H. Cummings did all that could be done when, in the Musical Times of 1878, he pointed out the various sources which may have contributed their shares to the formation of the melody which Henry Carey claimed as his own when he first produced it with the words which samped it as the song of our national aspiration.

There is no need to review the history of 'God ave the King' here; everyone can read it in Dr. Cummings's writings, in Chappell's 'Popular Music of the Olden Time,' or summarized in a book of reference such as 'Grove's Dictionary.' The important fact is not who made up tune or words, but in what circumstances it came to be accepted as our National Anthem. There can be no doubt that that event came about as a consequence of Carey's production of it

The occasion was a congratulatory dinner after the taking of Porto Bello from the Spaniards by Admiral Vernon, in November, 1739. Though celebrated a victory it was not a peculiarly glorious moment in our history. Walpole had been forced into war with Spain for the protection of British trade, and this was but a small success in a complicated campaign in which a little later we were to meet with reverses leading to the resignation of the Minister. Though 'God save the King' voiced the sentiment of a party of gentlemen congratulating one another over their dinner, it did not strike home immediately to a people peculiarly devoted either to God or their King. The religion and the patriotism of England were alike at a low ebb, but a better spirit was to come, the spirit which produced, and was in turn fostered by, such big men as Edmund Burke in politics, Samuel Johnson in

In times of peace—the times which we have known from the end of the Napoleonic wars until to-day-we have had some misgivings about the words, especially about those of the second verse, but we have never had the least doubt about the tune; the general appeal which it makes has seemed to ourselves and to other nations a fitting expression of a nation's unity. Switzerland has made it the symbol of federal independence, and those-amongst whom was the writer-who were in Switzerland lately when a general mobilization was ordered on the eve of the national festival (August 1) heard 'Heil dir Helvetia' sung to the tune of 'God save the King,' not as a call to war, but as a prayer for protection. German imperialism has annexed the tune, as it would annex everything else, and has fitted it with such stanzas as:

Heil dir im Sieges Kranz, Herrscher des Vaterlands! Heil, Kaiser, dir! Fühl' in des Thrones Glanz Die hohe Wonne ganz: Liebling des Volks zu sein! Heil, Kaiser, dir!

Russia, until the Tsar Nicholas I. determined that his army should have a song of its own, had made similar use of it.

The new Russian song came into being by Imperial command, just as Haydn's famous Austrian Hymn did. The chief difference was that Lvov wrote a tune and got words set to it; Haydn had to follow the more usual process of setting words to music. Both Haydn and Lvov seem to have owed something to the English precedent. Haydn was commissioned to write his National Anthem a few years after his visits to England; Lvov has left it on record in his memoirs that he had in mind the different qualities of the English, French, and Austrian Anthems, when he undertook his task. A translation of his own account of how he evolved the Russian Anthem may be found in Mr. Montagu-Nathan's recently-published 'History of Russian music.'

Dr. W. H. Hadow has shown in 'A Croatian composer' how Haydn in 1797 took the first phrase of a Croatian folk-song as the basis of his tune, and in the same work he has traced the stages of its development. In those stages Haydn has completely metamorphosed the original idea into something stately in measure and solid in harmonic design. It is in the latter quality, especially in the alterations which he made from the first sketch to the final form, that the indirect influence of the English Anthem may be traced. But the result bears no direct resemblance to the English The origin and history of the words and music of the National Anthem. Lvov, in the passage already referred

social life and letters, John Wesley in the revival of religious devotion. It was in the latter half of the century when these influences were gradually gaining ground that 'God save the King' struck root, because it was found to be typical of the national spirit alike in the solid splendour of its melody and the confident insularity of its words.

to, speaks of 'God save the King' as 'imposing,' of Haydn's Austrian Hymn as 'touching,' and he showed himself a sound critic in the distinction. for there is a much greater imaginative appeal in Haydn's tune than in the firmly set and concise English one. Lvov profited by both examples. The general mould of his tune and the character of the opening phrases seem inspired by England ; the appealing rise in the melody of the second half after the beautiful minor cadence may be traced to the influence of Austria, and at that point it bears distinct likeness to the second part of the hymn which Haydn shaped with so much careful thought.

The French influence of which Lvov also speaks is not apparent, unless we consider that the 'originality' which struck him as its chief characteristic found an echo in his own minor cadence. But as has been already hinted, 'La Marseillaise' was not primarily a national anthem at all, but a marching song for an army. Anyone who has marched to it knows how splendid it is for that purpose, how it sets the blood stirring and gives spring and elasticity to Rouget de Lisle, its composer, every muscle. was a soldier like Lvov, but a soldier under orders to march with a small volunteer force with the immediate prospect of action, while Lvov was a soldier surveying a huge army paraded before its Emperor in time of peace.

Naturally, therefore, 'La Marseillaise' has the inspiration of an emergency, of a sudden call to heroic action, and it is an inspiration quite distinct from any of the other national anthems we have been considering. It is felt in every detail of its urgent rhythm, in the anacrusis preceding the first bar, the stalwart crotchets of that bar, the syncopation leaping to anticipate an accent in the

third bar, the ringing call of the lines:

'Aux armes, citoyens, Formez vos bataillons.'

and the abrupt, unpolished ending.

Being the inspiration of a moment it inevitably underwent some change when the moment was past and the song became the voice of a great people. With this song the French populace marched upon the Tuileries in August, 1792; with it they have marched to defeats far more glorious than the success of that day, and will, we believe, march to victories which will eclipse all memories of defeat. 'La Marseillaise' therefore offers one of the best possible instances of how a song gets shaped by the popular voice. Compare the original version printed in 'Grove's Dictionary' with the tune as we hear it to-day, and immediately the changes, all of them improvements towards directness and simplicity, are seen. Subtleties of melody and accentuation, which an amateur picking out the tune on his violin (as we are told de Lisle did) would devise, got swept away as soon as the tune came to the mouths of the men on the march, and it has proved better without them. And then that instrumental 'symphony' or fanfare which de Lisle tacked on to the end-how many who have not looked up the set was composed by François van Campenhout

early editions know that it ever existed? It was: mistake, and the common consciousness has wiped it out. 'God save the King,' too, has undergone the same process of popular improvement, he since, as we have seen, we cannot trace its actual birth, as we can that of 'La Marseillaise,' the process is less strongly marked.

We now come to the last of the National Anthems which press upon our attention at the moment, the one which of those under discussion has been until now least familiar to English people but which most calls out our sympathy just now-It came into existence in much that of Belgium. the same way as did 'La Marseillaise,' but in a tine of even greater national stress, in fact, in the las great crisis through which the much-troubled state of Belgium passed before the even more terrible one which confronts it to-day.

The revolution of 1830 was the rising of the Belgian people to end an impossible amalgamation of their country with Holland under the sovereignty of King William, an amalgamation which had existed with constant friction and difficulty since the European settlement following upon Waterloo in 1815. Political conflicts d various kinds brought a tide of intense national enthusiasm upon Belgium which culminated on August 25, 1830, in the hoisting of the old Brabançon flag at Brussels, the tearing down of the royal insignia from public buildings, and the declaration of open rebellion. It was a revolt for nationality, not for a change of dynasty Eventually Belgium was to accept the King offered to them by the Powers assembled in conference in London; all it asked was an independent state and that it won.

It was during this revolt that Jennewl produced the words of a song fitted to the needs of the hour, claiming justice for his people hurling passionate reproaches upon the ruling House of Nassau, driving home the appeal of his words with a fervent refrain pointing to 'the tre of liberty':

Trop généreuse en sa colère, La Belgique vengeant ses droits ; D'un Roi qu'elle appellait son père N'implorait que de justes lois : Mais lui, dans sa fureur étrange, Par le canon que son fils a pointé Au sang Belge a noyé l'orange Sous l'arbre de la liberté.

That is the second verse of four, all of which strike the same note till the fourth, which rises to higher plane of feeling in the thought of those who have fallen for their country:

Sous l'humble terre où l'on vous range Dormez, martyrs, bataillon indompté, Dormez en paix, loin de l'orage Sous l'arbre de la liberté.

Jenneval himself soon joined the 'bataillou indompté,' for he died fighting at Lierre of September 18, less than a month after the outbreak of revolt.

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a trained musician. tenor singer with a reputation which extended at lesst into France and Holland. His position account for everything which we feel expenses, they are dubbed 'unpatriotic. today to be unsympathetic in the tune itself. hearer whether he knows the words or not; 'La carefully. Brabançonne' may appear to the uninitiated hearer to be nothing more than a fairly energetic march of the jaunty kind. Campenhout evidently approached his share from outside, as a musician hinking what would appeal to the people, and witing with that end in view. His work was no doubt perfectly sincere, but it has not the intensity which either Jenneval or Rouget de Lisle brought to theirs. It is obviously influenced by La Marseillaise,' it begins with the same anacrusis, its general rhythm is of the same type. But the hythm once adopted is used with sameness throughout, and it lacks that wonderful suppleness which thrills every hearer of the French song.

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Campenhout's tune was undoubtedly borne into favour on the strength of Jenneval's words with which it was associated. The actual conditions to which those words refer are long past, and only the spirit behind them remains and rises to meet a situation even more critical than that which Belgium had to meet in 1830. The tune stands today as the symbol of that spirit by virtue of its history; but those who hear it for the first time cannot feel that it has the intrinsic qualities which would raise it above the position of a symbol into an adequate artistic expression of that spirit in the way that the tunes of 'God save the King' and 'La Marseillaise' express the respective aspirations of England and of France. In each of these cases the music is self-sufficient; in 'La Brabançonne' the poet spoke through the music and scarcely required the music to give wings to his message. The patriotism and the pathos of Belgium are summed up in lines by Jenneval which appear upon the title-page of an edition of La Brabançonne,' issued shortly after his death. They may fitly end this article:

Qui dort sous ce tombeau couvert par la Victoire Des nobles attributs de l'immortalité? De simples citoyens dont un mot dit l'histoire : MORTS POUR LA LIBERTE.

#### THE QUESTION OF CHARITY CONCERTS.

By LANDON RONALD.

The Charity Concert is once again rampant in our midst. It has spread like the bubonic plague. Every member of the musical profession is suffering from it in some form or other. And there are no doctors to deal with it, no surgeons to cut it out, no strong hand to stay its deadly course. A few stray articles and one or two indignant letters of

who, unlike the composer of 'La Marseillaise,' was effect being made or any notice being taken. The His works, including six free services of all musicians are looked upon and peras, make quite a formidable list, and he was a considered to be the property of the charity tenor singer with a reputation which extended at concert-giver; and if any should be so bold as to pray for a small fee to pay for out-of-pocket

There is so much to be said for both sides of the A Marseillaise' strikes home instantly to every case that it seems worth while to study the problem The case of the artist is undoubtedly a pathetic one. The artist as a rule is never born in the lap of luxury. The musical education of a girl or boy has generally been paid for at considerable sacrifice on the part of the parents or some interested relations or friends. When the time arrives that the education is finished, that the student has developed into a promising young artist, then the real struggle begins. A few pounds are got together-nearly always blood-money-to give the first concert, and we all know the results of that first concert! A great reception at the hands of personal friends who have been given tickets to be present, a few innocuous press notices, and the long, long waiting and hoping ensues.

In the case of the specially qualified débutants, their reputation gradually spreads among artists and concert-givers, and some lucky opportunity presents itself which brings them prominently before the public; their career is started, and it

is up to them to 'make good.

Those who have not these gifts, and to whom an opportunity is never likely to come, are still content to work and hope and live in the belief that their time will come. These are the genus that society people so often take an interest in by allowing them to play and sing at their houses for nothing. They are rarely called upon to take part in charity concerts owing to their being unknown, and no

attraction to the general public.

On the other hand, the artist who has considerable reputation, gained by dint of long study, hard work, and many gifts, is an article of As a matter great value to charity concerts. of fact, it is very often most difficult for him to make both ends meet, but he has always to 'keep up appearances' and adopt the rôle of the successful man. He would never be offered a small fee for expenses, because he is a 'gentleman,' and one would not like to 'hurt his feelings.' It is entirely forgotten that his stockin trade is his voice or his instrument. To have acquired a certain perfection in either has meant years of hard work and the spending of a great deal of money. The only means he has of recouping himself is to be paid to perform. And therein lies the whole problem of the charity

Let the artist be paid for his stock-in-trade, and leave him a free hand to give what he can afford to any charity he may think fit, just like any ordinary individual. No one dreams of going to Harrod's, Selfridge's, or Whiteley's, or even the smaller tradesmen, and asking them to give of their stock-in-trade. No, they are left a free hand, and as has been proved again and again have protest appear in the daily press, without any given large sums of money to the good cause.

And the musician should not be asked to give of his goods for nothing any more than the tradesman is, but should be paid for them and allowed to

give afterwards what he may think fit.

This principle, oddly enough, is adhered to by charity concert givers in regard to advertisements, printing, and the rent of the hall. It is but very seldom that one hears of the hall being given free or the printing being done for nothing; and there has never been a case that can be traced where newspapers have inserted advertisements free of charge. The only thing that draws the public to the hall is the performer, and he is the only factor that is asked to do something for nothing!

The case for the artist has been dealt with at some length, because there is but little to say for the charity concert-giver. There is generally an 'influential' committee formed, and one or two of them are commissioned as a rule to approach some influential member of the musical profession to prepare an attractive concert for them. If he consent, it generally gives him an enormous amount of work and correspondence, places him under deep obligations to his brother and sister artists, and as recompense he receives a kind letter of thanks 'from the chairman on behalf of the committee.'

All the committee do is to try to sell tickets, attend committee meetings, and plague the life out of some poor fellow who, in a weak moment, undertakes the duties of honorary secretary!

The charity is nearly always largely benefited by these concerts; they are seldom or never a failure. Therefore it behoves all artists strenuously

to resist appearing for nothing.

We are in the midst of a terrible, dastardly war, thrust on us by an unscrupulous enemy. Patriotism and charity are quite rightly in the air, but let both be tempered with wisdom and justice. Hundreds of thousands of innocent people are going to be sufferers, or are actually suffering. Let it be well remembered that the musician, both successful and unsuccessful, is among the acute sufferers; that his lot is just every bit as deserving of consideration as that of any other member of this great army of war victims.

The nervous temperament that goes to the making of an artist, makes him more sensitive than most of his fellow creatures. He is more highly-strung, more impressionable, more susceptible to outside influences than the average hard-working man. Therefore his sufferings will

be keener and more acute.

Let all this be remembered, and let him not be passed over and imposed upon in the sacred name of Charity.

Since our September number was issued it has been announced that the Cardiff Festival has been abandoned. The Blackpool, Nottingham, and Hastings Competitive Festivals have also been given up.

We are compelled to hold over until next month the remainder of Mr. H. Elliot Button's article on 'Musical Notation.'

### Occasional Motes.

There can be no doubt that the CHOIRS AND committees of many choral Societies of all kinds have been soreh THE WAR. troubled in endeavouring to decide what is the best and the morally right thing to do as to carrying on during the war. In some cases abandonment has been found inevitable, but we venture to believe that in the majority of cases in would be possible and in every way advantageous in maintain existence. A choir is not only a body with a musical objective. It is also largely a social gathering where lifelong friendships are made, and to many thousands of persons the weekly meetings area spiritual stimulus and a source of deep pleasure. Is it wise suddenly to snap this bond and solace of companionship and sympathy at such a time: Are the tens of thousands of choralists who flock so enthusiastically to practices only intent upon preparing for a concert? Do they not derive untold pleasure from the practices during which the potentialities of a piece of music are gradually unfolded? Is there no mission in these times for choirs to give informal performances that will cheer their neighbours, more especially the poorest, who perhaps can never afford to come to the grand concerts? Even where choirs are so depleted of men who have gone nobly to the defence of their country that four-part music is impossible, there is no good reason why the female members should me continue to meet at practice instead of 'grousing'z home. There is an ample and beautiful repertory music for female-voice choirs that is a sealed book t singers who are connected only with mixed-voice choirs. Such an arrangement would keep a Society in being, and provide much-needed employment for conductors and accompanists. We earnestly comment these considerations to all concerned with choirs.

We are glad to have the influential support of Mr. Landon Ronald in the opinion we expressed last month that the profession should be fairly treated when in the present situation they are engaged—or shall we say induced—to assist at charity concern. In flourishing times there may be a show of reason for prosperous artists giving vent to their altruism. But just now, when most of us are so severely stricked, the concert artist-labourer is surely worthy of his him. We have been informed, but not authoritatively, the musical profession is not to be considered in the distribution of the Prince of Wales's Fund. Why not

Although choral societies as concert-givers generally are but hit by the economic and other diffects of the war, there are happing

not wanting signs of 'a certain liveliness' (to use the now classic phrase) that may by its suggestivened lead the way to a more hopeful outlook. Among the most praiseworthy decisions to keep the band of music flying, we must give high place to municipal and other promotors of the Bright Musical Festival, who with undaunted courage had decided to carry out the excellent scheme announce.

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some time ago. Seven grand concerts are to be given at the Dome on November 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. The programmes will include 'Parsifal' (Acts 2 and 3), 'Elijah,' 'Messiah,' a Wagner programme, and niscellaneous orchestral selections. The all-British conductors will be Sir Henry Wood, Sir Alexander Mackenzie, Sir Hubert Parry, Sir Frederick Bridge, Mr. Landon Ronald, Sir C. V. Stanford, Mr. Thomas Beecham, and Mr. Lyell Tayler (general-conductor of the Festival); the artists are almost exclusively British, and of the first rank. To these resources will be added the Brighton Festival Choir and Orchestra (led by Mr. Ketelbey) of 350 performers. Whilst it is almost too much to hope that the enterprise will be so successful financially as in happier circumstances it might have been, we trust that it will have the appreciative support of music-lovers in the district, and further, we hope to find that the Brighton example will be followed elsewhere. At all events Brighton has no rival it stands blooming alone.

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No other point in connection with CONSECUTIVE the progression of parts in harmony FIFTHS. has given more trouble to theorists than the laying down of rules for the use of consecutive fifths. What is the physical reason, if any, and failing that the psychological reason, why fifths are sometimes undoubtedly disagreeable and sometimes as undoubtedly acceptable? So far, the theorists have not been able to help very much. The old rhyme 'I do not like thee, Dr. Fell, the reason why I cannot tell,' occurs to us. The latest attempt to get at the root of the matter appeared in The Times Literary Supplement for September 10, in the course of a short review of Dr. C. H. Kitson's absorbingly interesting book, 'The Evolution of Harmony,' recently published by the Clarendon Press, Oxford The review says :

The explanation of 'consecutives' (pp. 48-52) does not seem quite satisfactory. The individual prohibitions are not sufficiently related to some common principle. This principle may be shortly sketched in a series of propositions: (1) One object of art is to get rid of unrelatedness; as between note and note, melody achieves this by grace notes, harmony by the prohibition of consecutives (amongst other things). (2) A major triad in root position implies a moment of finality. (3) The octave, fifth, and major third together make up, and singly hint at, the major triad in root position. (4) A second major triad, if related to the first, clinches that finality; if unrelated implies two final but different moments, and with that introduces a callous point into the sensitive web of harmony. (5) Similar contra-puntal motion draws attention primarily to the second chord, and retrospectively to the first. (6) The unrelatedness is least felt when the contrapuntal leap is fourth or fifth, most when it is a major or minor tone. A semitone (diatonic or chromatic) is a melodic rather than a harmonic interval, and two similar triads at this distance are felt as substitutions the one for the other; one is practically a grace note to the other. (7) The ill effect is diminished when one of the chords is minor, or both are so; and it is not felt with consecutive fourths, not even with the 'Six-four' if it is properly managed, because the fourth effectively negates the third and fifth. With some such statement of principle the instances, upon which all, of course, turns, might have been correlated.

Whether this ingenious and subtle explanation will hold water we are not at present prepared to say. It is enough just now to accept thankfully the consoling dictum that fifths may be regarded as grace notes. Callous and rule-bound harmony teachers so often unfeelingly blue-pencil them as 'disgrace' notes.

In the pianoforte syllabus of the Associated Board for 1915, the eighty-one studies and pieces are chosen from the works of forty-six composers. The names, with the number of works used, are as follows: Bach (7), Beethoven (6), W. S. Bennett (2), Berens (1), Bertini (1), Frank Bridge (1), Brunner (1), Von Ahn Carse (1), Clementi (1), Le Couppey (3), Cramer (3), Cesar Cui (1), Czerny (7), Diabelli (1), Duvernoy (1), Farjeon (1), Field (1), Rudolf Friml (1), Grieg (2), Gurlittt (2), Haydn (2), Heller (1), Herz (1), Hiller (1), Horvath (1), Hünten (1), Jensen (1), Loeschhorn (4), James Lyon (1), Mendelssohn (2), Moscheles (1) Moszkowski (3), Mozart (2), Müller (1), Hühert Parry (1), Reinecke (3), Albert Renaud (1), Alex Roloff (1), Scarlatti (1), Schäfer (1), Schumann (1), Spurling (1), Charles Villiers Stanford (1), Steibelt (1), Colin Taylor (1), and Zilcher (2). The eight names in italics appear for the first time in these lists.

It is announced that the Music Committee of the Corporation of London has decided not to engage German, Austrian, or Hungarian professors at the Guildhall School of Music; and that they have also decided that in future only pianofortes of British make shall be used at the School. We are informed that there are at present no vacancies on the teaching staff.

According to the Berlin Press (says *The Times* of September 23), Dr. Richter has renounced the honorary degrees in Music conferred on him by the Universities of Oxford and Manchester, 'of which he has hitherto been proud.' Probably this course was inevitable. We wish it were as inevitable that the fortune the distinguished conductor made in this country could also be renounced.

#### CHOPIN AS A MASTER OF FORM.

By A. REDGRAVE CRIPPS.

(Continued from August number, page 519.)

#### CHOPIN'S FORM ESSENTIALLY INDIVIDUAL.

It would be easy to adduce other examples of Chopin's perfect mastery of form in the widest sense, but enough, it is to be hoped, has been said to show that the 'form' which Chopin uses, differing widely as it does from the sonata-form and forms of a similar order, is none the less a true form, capable of justification on the intellectual side. It differs from the sonata-form in that it is more subtle, more flexible, and, it may be added, more individual. Perhaps it is this 'individual' quality which has prevented it being more generally recognised by theorists; since a form which springs naturally from the nature of a man's materials must necessarily seem less definitely a 'form' than a form which seems capable of being But in reality the regarded as a definite entity. sonata-form, as displayed for instance in the finer examples of Beethoven, is in a certain sense equally individual. It must not be forgotten that there is hardly a single sonata of Beethoven that really corresponds to the theorist's idea of 'sonata-form'; and the practical proof of this lies in the fact that, with hardly an exception, they were originally regarded, by the theorists of the day, as extremely irregular and revolutionary. In Beethoven's case the authority of a great name, combined perhaps with that influence which the passage of time has in breaking down even the strongest prejudice, have caused theorists to

reconsider their attitude and accept his works (though not without misgivings and reservations). Indeed, overlooking altogether the spirit which lies behind them and alone gives them vitality, they have even gone so far as to hold them up to students as models to follow in their own early attempts at composition. Perhaps in some years Chopin's works will be similarly recognised (!), and we shall have students casting their first attempts at composition in forms suggested by him-as if, in his case also, form can have any significance apart from the spirit which has given it birth.

ESSENTIAL CHARACTER OF CHOPIN'S FORM (AS

CONTRASTED WITH 'SONATA-FORM').

Though, however, the type of form which Chopin uses is thus in a very real sense strictly comparable with the sonata-form as displayed in the works of Beethoven, inasmuch as both are true spiritual forms, there is nevertheless, as said, a very real difference We need not pause here to make any between them. comparison between Chopin and Beethoven, with a view to estimating what may be called their absoluterelative qualities; such comparisons, though almost invariably made by writers on the former (and always of course to his disadvantage), are best left to school-girls—or to school-masters. One might as profitably compare a palm-tree and an oak, and ask which is the 'better.' To place, however, the senate form To place, however, the sonata-form as exemplified by Beethoven, and Chopin's type of form together for a moment may help to bring out the essential characteristics of each, and thus serve a profitable purpose. It may be said, that the sonata-form is stationary; Chopin's form progressive. In the one we have a firm groundwork already laid down; the definite disposal of 'subject' and keys gives an effect (consciously or unconsciously) of safety or security, and the interest lies mainly in the way in which the details are carried out. In a form of which the details are carried out. Chopin's type, on the other hand, the framework is created as the piece proceeds. We are borne along from point to point, with the mind always, as it were, on the stretch; and it is only when the end is reached that we are able at last to survey the road we have come, and piece the various elements of the scheme together in their proper relation. The one type of form is comparable to architecture, the other to Or, to change the simile, we might say that the one is static, the other dynamic. It is this onward. progressive character which make Chopin's music-to those who listen with anything more than their earsso fatiguing to follow; and it is easy to conceive what an immense strain the composition of such works must have imposed on his frail constitution.

#### CHOPIN'S INTENSITY.

Of course, the difference is at bottom psychological; and here, if I may for a moment overstep the limits I have set myself, and try to express in one word in what the essential quality of Chopin's work lies, I should say-in his intensity. If he has not (as his admirers are so fond of telling us) Beethoven's depth, he burns at least with a fiercer, more concentrated fire. There is that in his work which suggests a white, vivid flame. Writers on Chopin often lay stress on his 'refinement,' as if that were his most characteristic quality; and if by refinement is meant not mere refinement of detail, but essential refinement of thought, this is not without a certain justification. There is no composer who so habitually, and, as it were, without effort, as by some divine instinct avoids little direct influence over the course of music sin

the commonplace. In the whole of his work there is hardly to be found one single banal phrase, or tiresome But refinement is in and threadbare progression. itself a quality of somewhat doubtful value ; it is apt to degenerate, in art as in life, into weakness and insipidity, of which we have an example (both in an and life) in Mendelssohn. From this danger Chopin is saved by his burning intensity. It is this quality of intensity which underlies all his works and gives to them their abiding interest. Of all Choping compositions it is astonishing how few there are which even now, over fifty years after his death, have in any way lost their freshness and vitality. Of hi best works there are few indeed for which, destroyed, the world would not be the poorer.

CHOPIN NOT A 'NATIONAL' COMPOSER (IN NARRO SENSE.

In conclusion, I may perhaps turn for a moment to a misconception which, though it has little directly to do with Chopin's 'form,' has nevertheless to some extent stood in the way of a recognition of his true place as an artist. I refer to the general impression that he is to be regarded as a national composer. I is difficult to know how this impression originated Certainly there is little in what we know of the details of his life to suggest that he took any very keen interest in the tragedy of his country. Be that as may, however, it is quite certain that he never tried consciously to express his feelings through his music It is true, of course, that he makes large use of two national dance-forms, the Polonaise and the Mazurla but it is equally clear that his purpose in doing so was entirely artistic and not patriotic at all (just as it was in his similar use of the Valse-form); and sud evidence of nationality as is to be found in his harmony, rhythm, and so on, is in reality extremely slight and has been greatly exaggerated. To saythis of course, is not to deny that Chopin's nationality does in a very real sense, show itself, and show itself unmistakably, in his music; but it shows itself as with all other great artists, naturally and unconscious from recognizing so much to regarding him as in some special sense a national composer's surely, a very wide step. The point would perhaps be unimportant were it not that this view of Chopi as the singer of his country's wrongs has undoubted done a great deal to colour the general estimation i which his work is held; and though it is indeed on part of the general Chopin 'legend' which has grown up, and which we alluded to at the outset, yet it open to this particular objection that it has caused uses of harmony, tonality, form, &c. (which in realing have a deliberate purpose and spring from wonderfully acute and subtle artistic perception, to be regarded as mere evidence of national idiosyncrasy or else, indeed, of national idiosyncrasy and individual waywardness combined.

CHOPIN'S WORK NECESSARILY 'FINAL' IN ITS OWN LINE

It is indeed only when we have rid our mind entirely of all false and fanciful pictures of Chop which have been drawn, and come to the actual stoll of his works, that we can be in a position to form an true conception either of the man or artist (for the are indivisible). The more his works are studied, the more will their exquisite symmetry and perfection apparent, and the more we shall appreciate the tri extraordinary wealth of artistic resource which the exhibit. It may be said that they have exercised be

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#### 'TRE GIORNI SON CHE NINA.' By W. BARCLAY SQUIRE,

In the Musical Times for April, 1899, I published the result of some researches I had made into the ascription to Pergolesi of the well-known song 'Tre gomi son che Nina.' It was shown that this ascription could not be traced farther back than the middle of the last century, and that the earliest known edition of the song appeared in England in 1749, in a publication by Walsh of 'The favourite songs in the opera first produced at Venice in 1748, was played in London in March, 1749, and revived at Venice in 1752. The librettos of both of the Venetian performances had been examined, and in neither did the words of the song appear, though the books showed that between 1749 and 1752 the opera had been completely remodelled. In both librettos the composer's name is given as Natale Resta. Walsh's collection consists of 'Tre giorni' and three other songs, the words of two of which occur in both the Venetian librettos, and one which is to be found (like 'Tre giorni') in neither. On a copy of the collection which in 1897 was in the library of the late Signor Piatti, Cecilia Arne has written her name on the title-page and has added that of Vincenzo Campi as the composer. Ciampi (according to Burney) 'came over as maestro to the company' which introduced 'Li tre cicisbei' to London, and Fétis attributes its composition to him, so it seemed quite possible that he was responsible for the two songs n Walsh's Collection not to be found in the Venetian ibrettos. Against this theory, it could be urged that the name 'Nina' does not occur in the libretto, the principal female character in which is a singer called Modulina. But a second verse of the song—which has never, so far as I know, been reprinted in modern editions-clearly refers to a scene in which Modulina igns sickness and is attended by two of her admirers isguised as doctors. This scene is also indicated in an English version of the song called 'The Serenade, or Love-sick Polly,' two copies of which came to light in the British Museum after my communication to the Musical Times. The heading of this English version gives a clue as to where in the opera the song could have been introduced, and this has been recently confirmed by the discovery of the libretto of the English performance of 1749, which is now in the British Museum. This libretto contains no names of the performers, but the composer is stated to be Natale Resta. It differs in many respects from both the Venetian librettos, especially in including the two

in Act 3, Scene 4, replacing the song 'Svegliate o sen to lie in their comparatively narrow range. But there is a deeper reason than this. It is the fate of all the librettos of 1748 and 1752. This small addition to the curiously obscure history of the song does not help us much to a conclusion as to its authorship. But it may be pointed out that as the part of Lindoro was sung in London in 1749 and at Venice in 1752 by Filippo Laschi, the fact that in 1752 he sang the original serenade, and not that introduced in the London production, points to 'Tre giorni having been supplied by someone in London who was not connected with the Venice revival of 1752 and thus to a certain extent confirms Cecilia Arne's ascription of it to Ciampi. Another point is made quite certain, and that is that the song is essentially comic, and that to sing it with tragic expression (a custom which I fancy originated with Madame Viardot-Garcia, who published it as 'La chanson du fou,') is completely to misrepresent its character. Finally, it may be mentioned that Mr. O. G. Sonneck's excellent catalogue of opera librettos in the Library of Congress at Washington shows that the song occurs in 'Li sposo di trè e marito di nerssuna,' a libretto, by Antonio Palomba, which is said to have been first produced at Naples, with music by Pasquale Anfossi, in 1763.

## Church and Organ Music.

THE COMPLEAT ORGANIST.

BY HARVEY GRACE.

IX. -- OF CONVENTIONS (contd.).

(Continued from September number, p. 585.)

Organists are apt to think that the frequent cry of the tyranny of the organ comes only from a few unmusical clergy. Let me assure you that many musicians who, like myself, listen regularly to your work, complain just as much. Personally, I do not complain, as do the clergy, that you play too loudly, but, rather, that you play too much. Even if your choir cannot be left unsupported during psalms or hymns, or even responses, they might be trusted to sing an occasional Amen without your help. And I should imagine that the parson who is told off to read the lessons might quite well amble to the lectern without the accompaniment of a 'dying fall' from the organ. Again, the 'Comfortable words' in the Communion service, if adequately sung by the celebrant, are better without organ. If not adequately sung, the organ part makes matters worse. The instrument organ part makes matters worse. The instrument enters more effectively later on. But how many of you realise the artistic value of this reticence. Soon we shall find you backing up the sermon with some soft music. You are all examined rigorously in playing, and accompanying. I hope some day the Royal College of Organists will include in their syllabus non-playing and non-accompanying (Laughter, and a voice, 'How?') Easily enough: I would suggest that on an Associate entering his name for the Fellowship test, one of the examiners should pay a surprise visit to his Church and notice if the candidate knows when to give his hands and feet a (Interruption, and voices: 'Absurd! Rot!') Also the examiner might note whether the aspirant to songs in Walsh's collection which are not in the lathan word-books. 'Tre giorni' is sung (in the London version) by Lindoro as a serenade to Modulina excellent musician and player give this version of

the concluding bars of the well-known tune from Palestrina, set to 'The strife is o'er':



This is a survival of the old custom of thickening all organ chords for the increase of power. was something to be said for it in days when organs had few stops, lightly-voiced. But now it is merely a convention that has long outlived what point it ever had.

Even Amens, when sung in unison, are liable to improvement at the hands of the organist, the plagal form often being led into by a tonic seventh, and then emasculated by the third of the subdominant being flattened :



The mention of Amens reminds me to ask if there is any reason why these appendages to hymns should They are invariably not be sung exactly as written. doubled in length:



Possibly the first of these might strike us as being somewhat abrupt after the long-drawn version we are accustomed to. When we had been broken in, I should go even further to suggest that :



is best of all.

Anyway, whatever is sung, let it be begun and We should be able to dispense with:



the heavy bass of the choir usually proving his ability to stay the course.

Not only in these details of the service music do I complain of your fondness for the beaten track. Even your pupils suffer from your lack of initiative. Those your pupils suffer from your lack of initiative. of you who are of somewhat ripe age were kept to certain teaching material for the very good reason that there was practically nothing else available. But why should you tie your pupils to the same somewhat meagre fare? What should we say of a professor of literature who left his pupils under the impression that Shakespeare was the only Elizabethan dramatist worthy their consideration? Yet many organists do an equally narrow thing in telling their to be brief, and to pass with bare mention some

pupils-by implication-that Bach was the only di Why should German organ composer of importance. not your young men, at the time their taste is bein formed, learn some of the works of Scheidt, Gen Bohm, Kuhnau, Hanff, and others of that not family to whom organ music owes so much? [m] as England in Elizabeth's time was a nest of singing birds, so was the Germany of the 16d century a hive of great organists. How mer of their work is known in England to-day? Yet the best of it might be signed by Bach. As I speak then come to my mind a delicate pastorale of Pachelbe on 'Vom Himmel hoch,' a wistful little prelude of 'Auf meinen lieben Gott,' by Johann Nicholas Hami and a highly wrought work on 'Jesu leiden, Pein un Tod,' by Johann Caspar Vogler (a contemporary of Bach, and not to be confounded with the later Alba of that ilk) that might have come from the pen th gave us 'O Mensch, bewein,' with which work, index it has much in common. There are available som dozens of such pieces by these old composers, full the subtlety, devotion, and intimate feeling we find Bach's essays in this form. Many are by no men difficult. What a fine thing it would be for your pupi to study some of them instead of spending so much in on the 'Eight Short Preludes and Fugues' and other of the easier works of Bach. Are some of these Bach, by the way? I must confess that when I he such complacent inanities as certain of the Preludes find myself wondering whether they are not be work of some of the old man's pupils, brought to him for correction and incorporated into his work by mistake, just as certain plays published Shakespeare's are now well known to have be written by lesser men, and touched up by in Anyway, if the feeblest of these movements are Bach, it will surely not be denied that they are es the poorest organ music he wrote. Now why in the world should your pupils begin with the worst Bach?

Dr. Cubeb .- May I interrupt for a moment to put out that they are used because they are the easies Bach's organ works, and we consider,—rightly, think,—that the pupil should come under the influence. of the great John Sebastian as early as possib (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Candidus. - No one is more anxious than I that organists should early be sealed of the tribe John Sebastian. It is a pity that, judging from evidence of one's ears, they so soon become aposti But let that pass. My complaint is that it acquaintance with Bach begins with music over the composer nodded. Why should not your pupility early brought to see the beauty of the Choral Prelimand especially of the 'Little Organ Book'? I lim that the majority of these works are too difficult, in am sure you could find a dozen or two sufficient easy. For one thing, the student would from earliest knowledge of Bach learn to appreciate wonderful modernism. He would be cultivating, a taste for the austere which would stand him in go stead later on when he had the responsibility of choice of Church music. But, most important of he would learn in his pupillage music which would him throughout his life. What grown organist uses the 'Eight Short Preludes and Fugues' as wit taries or recital pieces? For him, his own students over, they are so much teaching material out of the has long since extracted the last vestige enjoyment. But I doubt if anybody ever yet got if of those perfect miniatures in the 'Orgel Buchleis

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the little tricks from which I suffer in going from Church to Church. (I may say that my business is one that compels me to travel much. Happily some of these are dying, but you would besurprised if I told you how often, at what Churches, and from what eminent and honoured fingers I hear such things as the preliminary treble note :



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Such methods may stimulate a choir, and insure a good attack, though I fail to see how, and indeed, I have not so far found them go hand in hand with neat starts. On these points I prefer to give no opinion. I know only that they are intensely annoying to musical listeners, and further they are heard nowhere but in Church. We do not find any other than Church choir Who ever heard a choral Society, singers so 'helped.' even of the humblest, being 'brought in' by such means Or what orchestra begins or ends a piece other than with unanimity, save by accident? Some things that would cause a titter in the concert-room are amongst the hallowed customs of the organ loft. (Interruption.) I suggest, too, that those of you who are choirmasters is well as organists will help on the former and more important side of your work by deserting your console occasionally, and sitting in the choir, or among the congregation. Instruct your deputy to reproduce as many of your effects as possible. You will make some useful discoveries. For example, you will perhaps find that certain of your pet registrations for accompanying are either too loud or 100 soft, or not sufficiently definite to be of use to the thoir. Seated among the congregation you will really discover what kind of a choir you have been nourishing n your bosom. In a word, you will gain a great deal of useful knowledge in the matter of choir work and congregational singing that cannot be picked up in the seclusion of the organ loft. A further gain is that your deputy will have the advantage of accompanying a full service in your presence-which ought to do him is much good as half a term's organ lessons. He will gain confidence and experience, and when you go for your holiday you will leave a very different kind of player from the one who gets no chance save at boliday time when half the choir is away and no competent critic is at hand to deal faithfully with him. Before I sit down (Hear, hear) I should like to ask you also if it is not high time organists learned to appreciate the effect of manuals only, and without couplers. Also can anybody tell me why, if the organ is to be played before the service, it should give us a rambling succession of 'improvised' platitudes, instead

of some of the beautiful short quiet pieces that abound, and why all outgoing voluntaries should be loud and generally somewhat blatant? Also, I have often wondered why—(cries of 'Sit down,' 'Time,' "Vide, 'vide,' and interruption, during which, after vain attempts to make himself heard, the speaker resumed his seat).

Dr. Whitley Cubeb.—I regret exceedingly that hat promised to be a harmonious gathering should have thus ended on an unresolved discord. take the sole blame, since Mr. Candidus came at my invitation. He was mentioned to me as one keenly interested in our work, and I thought it was safe to ask him to address us. For the deplorable There is little need for results I crave your pardon. me to say how entirely I disagree with all that has been said. (Loud applause.) I had the honour of receiving instruction some fifty years ago from that great organist, Dr. Job Manktelow (Applause), who a half-century before had been the favourite articled pupil of a Cathedral organist. Brought up thus, and imbued with the incomparable musical traditions of the English Church as by law established (Hear, hear), am I lightly to set aside the teachings of my revered master and follow the advice of a mere amateur, however well meant? No! No!) Gentlemen, it is our custom to accord a hearty vote of thanks to those who address our usually delightful gatherings. To-day, however, I propose that we say to the speaker, 'Thank you for nothing!' (Loud applause.)

Mr. Augustin Nodes (St. Blaize, Dunbridge) .- I beg to second the proposition. The speaker reminds me of a yarn that I will repeat with your permission. It may serve as a warning to him. There was once a man who, like Mr. Candidus, was fond of setting the world in order. He elected to take up his abode in one of the South Sea Islands. A few months after his arrival. the ship that landed him called again at the island, and the captain asked the chief how Mr. Candidus (as we will call him) was getting on. 'Alas!' said the chief, drawing the back of his hand across his watering mouth, 'he gave us so much good advice that we were obliged to kill him. An excellent fellow, too, who meant well, though being of the nervy, restless sort, he was perhaps a trifle on the stringy

side. (Laughter.)

Mr. Frank Basinghall (St. Aurelius's, Baddesley) .-I rise to support the motion. I have heard many absurd speeches in my life, but never one so absurd as the grossly exaggerated diaphragm (Laughter), I mean diatribe, as this of to-day (Applause). I would remind the speaker of the proverb about the shoemaker and his last (Hear, hear). He says he travels much. Let him go on travelling (Laughter). He listens much. Let him go on listening with both his long ears (Loud laughter), but let him think twice before he again attempts to instruct a gathering of experts. (Loud and prolonged applause.)

Mr. Stanley Beath (St. Praxed's, Mottisfont).—I venture to remind the meeting that Mr. Candidus professed to do no more than to bring various conventions before us, leaving us to say whether they were warranted by anything more than mere tradition. (Cries of 'Sit down.') That the mannerisms of which he spoke are commonly indulged in, there is no doubt (Order). Let us look at some of them, not as organisis, but as musicians. For example—(Interruption, several members of the audience mounting chairs and addressing the The meeting was still proceeding under gathering. these conditions when our representative and Mr. Candidus lest quietly by the side door.)

Mr. P. T. Freeman has retired from the position of organist at Crosthwaite Church, Keswick, at the age of seventy-seven years, having held the appointment for forty-eight years. He was presented on August 12 with an illuminated address, and a purse of gold amounting to £133, by friends, to show their appreciation of his great services to music in Cumberland and of his conscientious discharge of his duties as organist for that long period. The presentation was made by the vicar, the Rev. Canon H. D. Rawnsley.

We have been greatly interested by Dr. Walford Davies's essay 'Rhythm in Church,' recently published by Messrs. Riorden in pamphlet form. This little book is an expansion of a lecture delivered at the Royal College of Organists in 1913, and deals thoroughly and in a suggestive manner with a subject that has so far received nothing like its fair share of attention. It is a truism that a trivial and commonplace rhythmic scheme will ruin a piece of music unexceptionable in other ways. It is not less well known that a performance deficient in rhythmic in pulse lacks one of the main elements of vitality. But with these two obvious facts staring them in the face, Church composers and choirmasters are too often content to give us music secular in gait and invertebrate in In this pamphlet of thirty pages Dr. Davies performance. says many things that the earnest choirmaster—and indeed any other musician—will be the wiser for reading. He describes as unsuitable for the purposes of Church music rhythms of short figures, of obvious features, and iterations. The desirable are those of long figures, clear rather than obvious, and developed. As a splendid specimen of the latter, he quotes the long streaming tune used by Bach in 'Wachet auf' as an accompaniment to verse 2 of the Chorale in the Cantata, better known in its form as a choral prelude.

Some remarks on the nervous energy required for the singing of soft, sustained passages draw attention to a common weakness in our Church choirs, who are too rarely

taught the value of controlled force.

Speaking of the rhythmic maltreatment of the glorious English of the Psalms, Dr. Davies sums up the matter in a nuishell when he says that 'the most cogent objection to the Anglican chant is that it is too highly organized and rhythmically self-existent.

The booklet is one that should be widely read. There is more information and food for thought in its modest compass

than are to be found in many a volume.

#### ORGAN RECITALS.

Dr. Caradog Roberts, Anfield Road Welsh C. M. Chapel, Liverpool—'Funeral March and Hymn of Seraphs,' Guilmant.

A. J. Clark, St. Leonard's Church, Sandridge-

Melody in E flat, Edward German. Mr. Fred Gostelow, Church of St. Barnabas, Linslade-

Suite No. 2, in E minor, W. R. Driffil. r. C. E. Blyton Dobson, Central Mission, Halifax Place,

Nottingham—Solemn March, Hancock. Mr. A. E. H. Nickson, Church of St. Peter, Melbourne Works by Karg-Elert (three complete programmes)

Mr. Sydney L. K. Crookes, Mornington Road Wesleyan Church—First Sonata, Guilmant.

Mr. F. Archibald Curtis, Cathedral Church, Llanbadarn

Fawr—Andante in Eminor, Smart.

Mr. C. H. Moody, Ripon Cathedral—Choral song and fugue, Wesley (£23 11s. collected for the Belgian Relief Fund).

Mr. Fred J. Parsons, Holy Trinity Church, Eastbourne-Larghetto and Variations in F sharp minor, Wesley.

Mr. F. E. Wilson, St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Manor Park—Five Old English Psalm Tunes, Purcell,

Croft, and Tallis.
Mr. F. Gostelow, Blakeney (Norfolk) Parish Church-Overture in E flat, Faulkes.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. H. M. Brown, organist and choirmaster, Crosthwaite Church, Keswick

Mr. E. Stanley Jones, organist and choirmaster, Parish Church, Maindee, Newport, Mon.

#### Reviews.

Prelude in G minor in time. By Walter S. Vale (Origin Compositions, New Series, No. 34).

Prelude, Transformation Scene, and Good Friday Mus From 'Parsifal.' Arranged by George J. Benne (Organ Transcriptions, Nos. 11, 12, and 13).

Illegro Moderato. From Concerto No. 6, in B flat. T. A. Arne. Arranged by Herbert F. Ellingford (Organ Arrangements, No. 49).

Blest are they that mourn : All flesh doth perish : H lovely are Thy dwellings fair. From Brahms's 'Requien Arranged by John E. West. (Organ Arrangement Nos. 50, 51, 52).

#### [Novello & Co., Ltd.]

Mr. Vale's Prelude is avowedly conceived in orches vein. Four manuals are required for its proper performa and the player is told that 'the registration should resem as closely as possible the tone-colour of strings and home -not a difficult matter on a good modern organ. orchestral spirit is further present in the restless rhythm, fi tempo being made still more irregular by the min The result is a very interesting and effecti direction. piece of organ music, suitable either as a solemn occasion or as a recital piece. The harmony modern without being eccentric, and the curious sways rhythm is well maintained throughout the six pages. largamente section, with its double pedal and big chain leading up to a climax, is particularly fine. The way begins and ends softly. It is moderately difficult, and it adaptation to an organ of three manuals would pres no difficulty.

The extracts from 'Parsifal' have been admirably arrang for the organ by Dr. G. J. Bennett. The transcriber had overlooked the fact that in their new guise the war must be effective as organ music. Too often arrangeme of this kind, by attempting to give too faithful a copy of t score, are playable only by a super-organist on a super-or The versions under notice make no such demands. I Prelude and Good Friday music need only an organ of the manuals, and the fourth manual in the Transformation so Technically the arrangements are only moderate difficult, taste and musicianship being the qualities most The result is to make available to the rank an file of the organists' profession some of the most beam

music Wagner wrote. Although he composed some excellent and long-lived w music, Dr. Arne is little known to-day as an instrume Yet those who have acquaintance with h numerous harpsichord pieces have found in them the su quality of healthy melodicusness that has kept his son alive. Mr. Ellingford has done well to rescue from oblim a movement from one of the concertos. Although, afterth custom of the time, the work was composed for either or or harpsichord, its clarity and vigour make it questions suitable for organ solo purposes. That the idiom is see what Handelian is only to be expected, and will be a drawback in most quarters. Mr. Ellingford has done in work skilfully, and has also added an effective cadena, it result being a breezy and tuneful work. It is perhaps on long, but a 'cut' could easily be made.

The success of arrangements, especially of choral wor depends largely upon the music being familiar. Brahmi 'Requiem' has so long been a favourite work with a choral Societies, and, through extracts, of our Churchchoi that there must be few amateurs unacquainted with the music of the three choruses arranged by Mr. West.

Of these three, 'How lovely are Thy dwellings fair'

perhaps, the most successful, the beautiful swinging medi-being as attractive as ever. 'All flesh doth perish' mai an impressive funeral march. That the transcribing in been excellently done by the practised hand of Mr. goes without saying. The three numbers are fairly difficu

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This is a work which should claim consideration from horal Societies that aim at suiting their programmes to the smit of the day, while avoiding the jingoistic touch. Healey's lines,—a sea-warrior's thoughts of his Devon home-run bravely, and the music breathes the open air. It is breezy without bluster, and would make a popular appeal, for its melodies have a folk song ring about them and a living rhythm. The use of double choir, often with finder sub-division of parts, calls for a choir of considerable imensions, and there are harmonic progressions that are so all plain-sailing. Yet it is not difficult choral music. is melodies will commend it, and its effectiveness will appropriately. The work can be supported to the support of the support posorte accompaniment can be employed.

#### BOOK RECEIVED.

Number of the Rev. Noel A. Bonavia-llunt. Price 55. net. Pp. 205 + xv. (London: The Waterside Music Publishing Co.)

## Correspondence.

TO THE EDITOR OF 'THE MUSICAL TIMES.'

ous swaying DEAR SIR,-In your last number (September) you print pages. The along communication from Mr. E. P. Lennox Atkins as to a rough and ready rule for beginners in factory tuning which I gave at the close of a lecture on the 'Scientific Basis of Tuning,' which the Pianoforte Tuners' Association coaxed me into delivering before them as a public 'send-off.' (May I, in passing, disclaim the honour of belonging to Cambridge with which Mr. Atkins has endowed me?) This nle was drawn up by the late Mr. Alexander J. Ellis, F.R.S., and myself, as likely to be of practical use. I had felt the want of such an approximation in my own factory days, and this rule seems to me to answer its purpose admirably. The errors are not great, and of course they neutralise each other; for this, to anyone who has not the requisite mathematics, I can refer to the unquestioned authority of Mr. Ellis, whose translation of Helmholtz, with his own opious additions, still remains the standard work. Examinans of admirable specimens of tuning in equal temperament by Messrs. Broadwood and my own firm are given in detail in Ellis's 'Helmholtz,' and our rule sprang out of those saminations, and is published in the book in connection

When a lad begins tuning he is told, without any explanation, to tune along a certain series of intervals, keeping all his intervals flat (C, G, D, A, E, B, &c.); this series being a series of fifths. But he is also told, he must not go being a series of fifths. But he is also told, he must not go beyond the two F's which have middle C between them and therefore his scries has a rough alternation between downward fourths and upward fifths. (Twice the alternation has to be broken, by taking a second downward fourth, to teep within the tuning octave F to F.) Now first of all I think the boy should be told, and practically shown, why his intervals are to be flat (because 12 fifths are too s done li long to make seven octaves); and secondly, that tuning a domnward fourth flat is precisely the same as tuning that same note flat when in the form of an upward fifth. I assure you, Mr. Editor, that I have learned, to my surprise, that many practical tuners in my large audience at the V.M.C.A. had not grasped the second point, and that scarcely anyone present knew of the first point. They are commonplaces to Mr. Atkins and to me, but they are not taught to the lads learning tuning.

What does the boy do, when he is given his tuning series, and is told to tune each new note flat? Of course he tunes them all equally flat, although from any given note an appeard fifth in equal temperament must be twice as fast as a downward fourth. Therefore the boy never gets a decent ribing h Mr. Wa ly difficul et of bearings. He corrects himself by his trial chords, and after two or three years learns by rule of thumb to get his chords about equally in tune. But a close scientific But a close scientific examination of his tuning-scale will show that this result is gained by give-and-take, by the cancelling-out of many

All this I, as a practical tuner, showed and proved to Mr. Ellis. Our problem was therefore to give a rule which should start a boy on the right road. As his ear grows finer he can later on neglect the ladder by which he has climbed, and can advance (as I hope I have myself advanced) to improving his averaged scale into a scale in which each successive fifth will beat faster by a certain ratio than the fifth below it, which is of course the case in true equal temperament. The ratio of increase in beats is intricate to non-mathematical persons, as it cannot be represented by successive additions (say, each fifth to beat so many times more per second than the one below), nor by successive multiplications (say, each fifth to beat at such a fraction more, as for instance, 12th more than the one below) : but logarithmically it is simple, and ends in the result that at the interval of an octave the beats are doubled.

Now in the tuning octave F to F the average number of beats in the seven equal-temperament fifths from C up to G, D up to A, E up to B, &c., is closely approximate to one a second, say, ten in ten seconds; wherefore when tuning those fifths as downward fourths we recommend this average discordance for a beginner. He can soon learn the pace of ten beats in ten seconds, and will not be far from the real truth if he observes it. But the average number of beats in the fifths of the lower part of the octave, which are these the fifths of the lower part of the octave, which are these four—G to D, G\$\delta\$ to D\$\delta\$, A to E, B to F\$\delta\$, is not much more than half the above—namely, closely approximate to six in ten seconds. So we get a clear rule: tune all your downward fourths ten beats in ten seconds flat, and all your upward fifths six beats in ten seconds flat, between F and F. The lower F is obtained from B2 (A2) downwards, and its true octave gives the upper F.

downwards, and its true octave gives the upper r.

This is how my own factory boys are started, and it is open to them to make the slight modifications which must be felt rather than counted, but which are necessary to reduce a delicately accurate equal temperament. The produce a delicately accurate equal temperament. The result is in figures in the pages of Helmholtz, and I may justly be proud of it, I think, in competition with so rightly famous a house as Broadwood's.

Ido not know Mr. Atkins's Equal Temperament Committee, but they certainly do not seem to be aiming, as I am aiming, at something practical, for everyday work. After all, as you, Mr. Editor, above all men know, excellent unaccompanied singing, or the harmony of horns, or anything that gives us just intonation, is alone capable of fully satisfying the soul of a musician. Equal temperament is an indispensable makeshift, and we must always remember that it is but a glimmer to the full splendour of the beauty of just intonation. that rare delight is now and then achieved, if only for a chord or two, tears fill our eyes at the perception of a beauty so exquisite that the ancient prophets deemed it worthy to be the chief ornament of Heaven.-I am, yours truly,

H. KEATLEY MOORE.

Albion House, New Oxford Street, W.C. September 17, 1914.

ENGLISH v. GERMAN FINGERING.

TO THE EDITOR OF 'THE MUSICAL TIMES.

SIR,—Apart from the necessity for being patriotic, the present seems an opportune time to point out the absurdity of having in England two notations for pianoforte fingering, and of using foreign editions printed and issued abroad when just as good can be obtained in England, edited by Englishmen, with English fingering.

Publishers, or many of them, would be heartily glad to have only the one fingering notation to deal with. The contradiction is keenly felt by teachers, especially in view of the fact that string players all over the world use only

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H. C. TONKING.

September 16, 1914.

THE ADVENTURES OF A LONG-METRE TUNE. TO THE EDITOR OF 'THE MUSICAL TIMES.

DEAR SIR,-Referring to Mr. Potter's article on the above subject in your August issue I note that the tune in question, under the name of 'Wells,' appeared in the Wesleyan Tune Book and Supplement published in 1877. It varies somewhat from the versions quoted by Mr. Potter .- Yours, &c., Tyne Hall, Ilford.

[We hold over other and fuller letters we have received as to the remarkable adventures of this tune, -ED., M.T.]

## Obituary.

We regret to announce the following deaths:

WILHELM GANZ, on September 12, aged eighty-one. He was a familiar and genial personality in the musical life of London, and had been so for more than half-a-century. Born at Mainz on November 6, 1833, he came to this country in 1848 to assist his father, Adolph Ganz, who was chorus-master at Her Majesty's Theatre. Balfe was at that time conductor at the Opera, and he engaged young Ganz first to play the triangle and later the second violin. As he was a skilful pianist he soon found scope for his abilities as an accompanist, and in that capacity he was associated with Jenny Lind, and later still more closely with Adelina Patti. After playing the violin in Dr. Wylde's New Philharmonic Orchestra for many years, he became in 1874 joint conductor with Dr. Wylde, and in 1879 he took over the entire management under the name of Mr. Ganz's Orchestral Concerts. Berlioz's 'Symphonie Pantasuque and 'Dante' Symphony were amongst the many important works be introduced to England. The concerts were abandoned Berlioz's 'Symphonie Fantastique' and Liszt's Dante Symphony were amongst the many important works he introduced to England. The concerts were abandoned in 1883, and since that time the late musician taught singing at the Guildhall School of Music, and made regular appearances as an accompanist at Patti and other concerts. He had a jubilee concert at Queen's Hall in 1898, and on June 1, 1911, a benefit concert organized by Madame Patti was a notable event of its kind. Mr. Ganz was a successful composer of light pianoforte music, and some of his songs have been widely popular. In 1913 he published 'Memories of a musician' (John Murray), in which he gave interesting accounts of the musical celebrities he met in the course of his long career.

Miss CLARA ANGELA MACIRONE, on August 19. was born in London on January 21, 1821. From 1839 to 1844 she studied at the Royal Academy of Music. achieved some distinction as a pianist and as a composer. For some years she was head music-mistress at Aske's School for Girls, Hatcham, and at the High School for Girls at Baker Street. Many of her part-songs became very popular. Amongst the best known are 'Sir Knight, O whither away,' 'The battle of the Baltic,' Ragged, torn,

and true.

POL HENRI PLANÇON, the great operatic bass, at Paris, aged sixty. His operatic career began in 1877 at Lyons. He appeared at the Paris Opéra in 1883, made his débût at Covent Garden in 1891 as Mephistopheles, a rôle in which for many years he used to rouse the enthusiasm of Covent Garden audiences, and appeared at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, in 1893.

The death of Professor F. S. PETERSON, of Melbourne, and previously of Edinburgh, which was announced in our August issue (p. 535), took place on June 21. He leaves a wife and two children.

#### THE COMING SEASON IN LONDON.

CHORAL CONCERTS.

The Royal Choral Society (Sir Frederick Bridge). - Elijah; Verdi's Requiem; Messiah (twice); Hiawatha; The dream of Gerontius; Bach's Mass in B minor; An extra concert of Christmas Carols and other Vuletide music will be given in December.

Alexandra Palace Choral and Orchestral Society (Mr. Allen Gill) has cancelled all arrangements owing to the occupation of the Palace by the military The Stock Exchange Orchestral and Choral Society la abandoned its season.

The Bach Choir (Dr. H. P. Allen).-Verdi's Requiem Finale from 'Die Meistersinger.

The London Choral Society (Mr. Arthur Fagge) has decided to continue its activities, but no programme is ne announced.

The Edward Mason Choir (Mr. Edward Mason) has ceased operations, the conductor having enlisted.

Central Croydon Choral Society (Mr. Roland A. Richards). The fire-worshippers (Bantock); Choral Ballade Coleridge-Taylor; Brahms's Requiem and Song Destiny.

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ing Choral and Orchestral Society (Mr. Albert Thompson).—Elijah; Bach's Mass in B minor,

Ealing Philharmonic Society (Mr. E Victor Williams).

A Tale of Old Japan; Hiawatha; Israel in Egyg.
Llewellyn (Cyril Jenkins).

East Sheen Choral Society (Mr. Frank Hamblin) .- Gounoi Faust; Mendelssohn's Hymn of Praise; Eliah The Messiah.

Finchley Musical Society (Mr. Herbert J. Baggs).—Brahmi Song of Destiny; Stanford's Songs of the Fleet; Elgas The banner of St. George; Schubert's Song of Miran.

Hither Green Choral and Orchestral Society (Mr. Emes Dumayne). - Choric song from the Lotos Eaters (Parry) A Tale of Old Japan.

Loughton Choral Society (Mr. Henry Riding) .- Juda Maccabieus ; Tom Jones (German).

Mansfield House University Settlement (Mr. C. E. Howard). The Revenge (Stanford); From the Bavarian Highland

Pesple's Palace Choral and Orchestral Society (Mr. Fmi Idle).—The Banner of St. George; The Revenge: King Olaf; Hiawatha; A Tale of Old Japan; Th Wake of O'Connor (Hubert Bath); The Messiah.

Purley Choral Union (Mr. Harold Macpherson).-The Revenge; Brahms's Requiem.

South London Institute of Music (Mr. L. C. Venables). Les Cloches de Corneville; Song of Miriam; Selection from Parsifal; The bride of Dunkerron; Acis at Galatea; The Wake of O'Connor (Hubert Bath).

South London, Philharmonic Society (Mr. Wilfrid Brain). The Wake of O'Connor (Hubert Bath); selection from Lohengrin; Brahms's Requiem; A Tale of Old Japa

South-West Choral Society (Mr. A. R. Saunders).-Juli Maccabacus; Brahms's Requiem; Cavalleria Rusticana The Golden Legend; The Messiah.

Streatham Choral Society (Mr. E. J. Quance).—Hymn Praise; The Flag of England (Bridge).

Walthamstow Choral Union (Mr. Otley Marshall).-I banner of St. George: The Messiah.

West Croydon and District Cheral Society (Miss Etc. Hopkins). - A Tale of Old Japan ; From the Bavaria Highlands; Hymn of Praise; Rossini's Stabat Mater.

#### ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS.

Queen's Hall Symphony Concerts.-These concerts will given by the Queen's Hall Orchestra, under bedirection of Sir Henry Wood, on the afternoon October 17, November 14 and 28, December 1 January 16, and February 13.

Queen's Hall Promenade Concerts continue with above-mentioned Orchestra and conductor on week

evenings until October 24.

don Symphony Orchestra, -Twelve concerts announced to take place at Queen's Hall on Mona London Symphony evenings, October 26, November 9 and 23, December January 25, February 8, March 22, April 12, May 17 and 31, and June 7. M. Savonov will conduct the first three, M. Verbrugghen the fourth. Mlynarski the fifth, and Mr. Thomas Beecham the sir

Albert Hall Sunday Concerts will be given by the M Symphony Orchestra under Mr. Landon Ronald.

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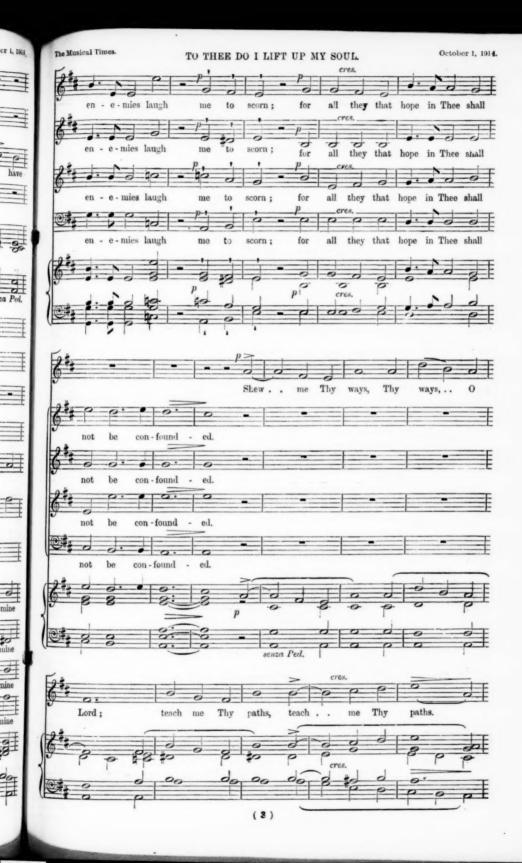
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FROM A CORRESPONDENT.

Some twenty performances were given at the Assembly Rooms, Glastonbury, in connection with this Festival. It had been hoped that these might take place in the open air, in the weather was so uniformly bad as to make this introduced by the programmes were made up of dances by four of Miss Margaret Morris's girls, choral-music compositions by Rutland Boughton, choral-dancing from compositions by Kutland Boughton, choral-dancing from
the 'Tintagel' scene in Reginald Buckley's music-drama,
'Arthur of Britain,' the Grail scene from 'Parsifal,' and
four plays: W. W. Gibson's 'Night-shift,' Lady Gregory's
'The travelling man,' Walter Merry's 'Soul sight' (his
om translation of the 'Heraclide'), produced by
Mr. G. Ware Cornish, and three performances of Mr. G. Ware Cornish, and three performances of The Immortal Hour,' a new music-drama by Rutland Boughton, based upon the play of that name by Fentval, for though it had originally been arranged to produce 'Arthur of Britain' with music by Rutland soughton, the subscriptions for the playhouse which was to contain it were hardly large enough to warrant the building of a theatre, and Mr. Buckley was averse from an open-air production of his work. Unfortunately the war had made the employment of an adequate orchestra quite out of the The performances were very kindly conducted by Mr. Charles Kennedy Scott, who was also at the poforte. The parts were filled up as follows:

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Choruses of Wood Spirits and Court women by members of the Summer School and people of Glastonbury.

Choruses of Druids and Warriors by the Wookey Hole Male-Voice Choir.

The following is a synopsis of the drama taken from the

Act I—Dalua, the shadow that lies behind life, encounters toices in the wood. To him comes Etain, a girl of the faery Folk, and later on the dreamer Eochaidh, King of The scene changes to the peasant hut of Manus and Mäive. Etain has taken shelter there, and thither follows Eochaidh in search of his Heart's Desire. He seems sifhe might find it ; but the call of the Faery Folk lingers in Etain's mind.

Act 2-Festival in honour of the twelvemonth of Etain's maringe with Eochaidh. Both are oppressed in different says by a presentiment of unearthly happenings. Etain withdraws, and presently a stranger enters. He is Midir, withdraws, and presently a stranger enters. He is Midir, Prince of the Faery Folk; he has come to fetch Etain away to the Land of Heart's Desire. The Faery Folk come near,

and Etain is lost to Eochaidh. In the preface to 'The Immortal Hour' Fiona Macleod coming of the Soul (Etain) to the body (Eochaidh). However that may be, this music-drama is not to be taken as a musical decoration of actions, but rather the development in music of certain human and spiritual relationships. Consequently the movement is slow for the free unfolding of the musical and emotional thought.

A feature of 'Arthur of Britain' and 'The Immortal Hour,' and perhaps the one that has chiefly attracted the attention of journalists, is the symbolical use of the chorus to represent waves, a castle, tree spirits, &c. This is undeniably effective, and is sure of a much wider application with the passage of time.

The dances for the 'Tintagel' scene from 'The Birth of Arthur' had been arranged by Miss Margaret Morris at

Margaret Drew and Beatrice Filmer. for the performances were designed by Margaret Morris, Christina Walshe, and Gerda Gjöbel, and cannot be praised sufficiently. Indeed all concerned worked with a self-forgetfulness and abandon which were entirely praiseworthy. Principals and members of the Summer praiseworthy. Principals and members of the Summer School did their utmost to promote the scheme for a National Centre; for at a time such as the present all efforts towards the establishment of a National Centre should be well supported. The value of legend in keeping alive national sentiment is continually recognised, and the existence of such a centre in the heart of Arthur's country may very well pave the way for a really national drama in the future. Performances of 'The Immortal Hour' are to be given at Bournemouth during the winter, and at various places in the country.

#### THE PROMENADE CONCERTS.

It is a matter for general congratulation that the threatened boycott of modern German music has not come to pass. The Wagner evenings were quickly reinstated and are quickly proving, as in former seasons, the chief success of the series. Some of the promised productions of new works by Continental composers have had to be abandoned for practical rather than sentimental reasons. Audiences have naturally been smaller than in previous years, but there is no cause to complain of lack of public support.

The first work of interest that comes under this month's review is a Concerto for two violins and violoncello Vivaldi, arranged as an orchestral work by Siloti. This was performed on August 22, and won general approval. On August 25 not even sympathy for an Ally could rouse enthusiasm for Liadov's work, 'A fragment from the Far more attractive was Stravinsky's 'Scherzo Fantastique,' heard on August 26, for it had all the composer's familiar imagination, skill, and brilliance, and not more than a hint or two of his later and questionable qualities. On

a fint of two of his nater and questionate quanties. On the same evening a straightforward Rhapsody, 'From the Prairie,' by Coleridge-Taylor, was well received. Thirty-eight years after its composition César Franck's 'Les Eolides' was heard for the first time in London on August 29, and we hope soon to experience the pleasure of hearing it again. It has not the vivid pictorial expressiveness of the modern symphonic poem; it is all refined beauty and strength, and dramatic needs do not interrupt its purely The Belgian National Song, Campenhout's 'La Nouvelle Brabançonne, as scored for orchestra by Sir Henry Wood, was given on the same evening.

Bela Bartók, the young Hungarian progressivist, whose name reached our ears in advance of his music, underwent his first serious trial before the British public on September His Suite in five movements, a comparatively early work, failed to make a deep impression. It is rich in arresting ideas and effects, but the struggle to be interesting is more obvious than the actual interest, and the design and handling lack spontaneity and sense of style. Hungarian Hungarian national elements impart some value in fact rather than in feeling. The same programme included an effective orchestral arrangement by Sir Henry Wood of the Russian National Anthem.

On September 3 Master Solomon made a sensation with his workmanlike performance of Grieg's Pianoforte concerto. Sir Alexander Mackenzie's Tone-poem, 'La belle dame sans merci,' was heard with interest and pleasure. Then came one of the rare performances that we have in this country of César Franck's Symphony in D minor, a work of great nobility that never fails to appeal to all. It was excellently performed, and won a gratifying tribute of admiration from the audience.

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On September 5, Florent Schmitt's new Suite of four movements, entitled 'Reflets d'Allemagne' was performed for the first time. The work proved to be refined and engaging, the Finale being especially so.

Well known as a pianist of exceptional distinction, Miss Kathleen Bruckshaw has not to any great extent sought renown as a composer. That she is, however,

sought renown as a composer. That she is, however, capable of serious and estimable creative work was shown on Roumemouth last year; but this year, owing to her September 10 by the performance of her Pianoforte concerto detention in the South of France, the dances for 'The in C major. Miss Bruckshaw does not write with a practised Immortal Hour' were arranged by two of her pupils, hand either for the orchestra or for the pianoforte, and much of her music is acceptable chiefly for its good intentions; but there are also passages of considerable Miss Bruckshaw is a composer of whom something good may be expected. Her performance of the solo part was all that could be desired.

Elgar's Violin concerto was played for the first time at the Promenade Concerts on September 15, M. Louis Pecskai

Promenade Concerts on September 15, M. Louis Peeskai being a soloist of great skill and expressive power. Josef Holbrooke's new 'Imperial March' was pro-duced on September 16. It makes considerable and skilful use of a portion of the National Anthem and of 'Rule, Britannia,' and is of course sonorously scored for a large orchestra. The march, perhaps, just fails through the large orchestra. The marchack of a broad Trio theme.

The novelty on September 17 was Percy Pitt's Suite de Ballet, 'Sakura,' founded on a scenario dealing with Japanese life. There are five movements, of which the second, a dainty Allegretto scherzando, the fourth, a in which the celeste is used with happy effect, Pizzicato. and the fifth, a brilliantly-scored waltz, proved particularly The composer conducted, and received an ovation. attractive.

Sir Frederic Cowen's second Suite, 'The language of flowers,' found great favour with the audience on September 19, when its first performance was conducted by the composer. It has all the melody, graceful fancy, refinement, and interest that were justly admired in his first 'The language of flowers' Suite, which dates back as far as 1880.

## Music in the Provinces.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.) BIRMINGHAM.

The provision made for our coming musical season has been completely disorganized through the war, and our local orchestral players, solo vocalists, and choral Societies are worst times within living memory. Practically facing the there will be scarcely any concerts at all, for those in charge of our musical functions are confronted with almost insuperable difficulties, partly owing to the fact that our Town Hall will not be available, being now in the hands of the War Office for recruiting purposes. Already our Festival Choral Society has been compelled to postpone for the present its scheme of concerts, 1914-15. The various other choral bodies are in similar plight, and it is quite doubtful if the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra will be able to give their popular Saturday Night Orchestral Concerts. The Harrison Concerts and the Birmingham Chamber Concerts Society's concerts are the only ones that will be forthcoming at all, but the locale of the Harrison Concerts will have to be changed from the Town Hall to the Midland Institute. The Max Mossel Drawing Room Concerts have now been definitely abandoned, Room Concerts have now been definitely abandoned, although the syllabus had already been printed for circulation. The only concerts given so far this season were in aid of the Prince of Wales's Fund, one being held at the Central Hall and the other at the Alexandra Theatre, both realising considerable sums to the Fund. Local musicians, especially orchestral players, will be hard hit, for most of their winter engagements have been cancelled.

#### DEVON AND CORNWALL.

It would be very difficult to find any musical district which has been more upset in it normal arrangements by the war than the West country with Plymouth for its centre. several regimental bands usually available the Municipal authorities relied largely on music for the attraction of visitors, and a specially elaborate programme had been With the dread word 'mobilisation, arranged for this season. however, a sudden stop was naturally put to all this effort. The two local garrison bands, the R.G.A. and the R.M.L.I., have been able to assemble to about the number of twenty in military combination, and have assiduously served to entertain the visitors and to divert the minds of the townspeople, of whom the great majority are connected with the Services. Messrs. R. G. Evans and L. W. Newton, the Services. Messrs. R. G. Evans and J. W. Newton, the respective bandmasters, have had to work under difficulties, but their performances have been much appreciated.

management of Torquay Pavilion have as far as possible held to arranged plans, with the co-operation of the Municipal Orchestra under Mr. Basil Hindenburg. Vinit have been paid by Madame Kirkby Lunn, Mess. Joseph Cheetham and Charles Mott, and patriog programmes have been well received. Other ordinary even have included a Caenmarth Deanery choral festival a St. Day, concert tours through South Devon and North Cornwall by Miss Gertrude Lonsdale and party, and in North Cornwall by Mr. Charles Saunders and Mr. Watkin Mis

Much music-making has been undertaken for either of two purposes-to raise money for relief funds or to provide entertainment for the convalescent wounded and the man thousands of Service men quartered and billeted throughout the two counties. In addition to individual efforts chain and bands have contributed to these objects, including the and bands have contributed to these objects, including the Plymouth Orpheus Male Choir, a large choir at Neuguer Collected by Mr. Crosby Smith, Falmouth Adult Schol Male Choir, Exeter Male Choir, Exeter Amateur Openic Society, Lostwithiel String Band, and the band of the Admiral-Superintendent at Devonport.

Most of the choral Societies and orchestral classes has suspended their intended programmes owing to the search of men. Dr. Weekes's Orchestral Society at Plymouth trying to make arrangements to keep the members together in rehearsal, and probably this will be the plan adopted h

all combinations.

#### LIVERPOOL

The Philharmonic Society's choral rehearsals commence on September 14 under Mr. R. H. Wilson, and the Society first concert will be held on October 6. In the revis prospectus certain names have necessarily disappeared, h substantially the original scheme remains. To the names guest-conductors already announced those of M. Savonov M. Gabriel Pierné, M. Mlynarski, and Sir George Henschi M. Scriabin's visit is also confirmed for should be added. February 9, when he will play the solo part in his Pianofon concerto in F sharp minor and his 'Prometheus.' Piene musical legend 'The Children's Crusade,' Dvorák's 'Suba Mater,' and Beethoven's 'Choral Symphony' are the chir choral works announced.

Conducted by Mr. F. M. Roden, the Avenue Male-Voi Choir has gained distinction by giving a series of open-a concerts in the parks at which close upon a hundred pound has been collected, mostly in pence, for the Prince Wales's Fund. The excellent singing of this large Choirli agreeably atoned for the unavoidable absence of the milita Would that similar choral organizations might multiply. There is a great field hereabouts for the cultivati of unaccompanied male-voice singing, and if only the in men were forthcoming as organizers and directors there:

plenty of good material. Chiefly owing to the present discouraging outlook in music generally, the committee of the Welsh Choral Unit after due deliberation have cancelled the projected arrange ments for the ensuing season. It is possible that performance of the 'Messiah' will be given at Christma partly in order to keep the choir together and also to bend It is possible that the Prince of Wales's Fund. There can be no doubt in a substantial sum would be raised by this means, for the

Welsh Choral Union's annual 'Messiah' has always bed one of the chief events of the year.

At the sixth annual meeting of the Walton Philharm Society, at which Archdeacon Spooner presided, it w announced that the choral works for the ensuing seam would include Cliffe's 'Ode to the North-east Wind Coleridge-Taylor's 'Death of Minnehaha,' and the 'Messia' The Society, which has progressed so steadily under Malbert Orton's conductorship, should find encouragement finding itself faced with only a small adverse balance.

An attractive brochure has been issued annou

particulars of the seven concerts to be given by the Aken Symphony Orchestra in the Philharmonic Hall. The occurs on October 27, when the notable Russian pairs
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will sing. Mr. Akeroyd has drawn up attracte
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agged is Madame Aino Ackté, who will be heard in the Scene from Strauss's 'Salome.' The profits of the his also satisfactory to note that Mr. Harrison will hold is assal series of four concerts in the Philharmonic Hall. The local authorities are carrying on the usual winter mest attaches. Musical subjects are fully represented in he syllabus.

The success of the children's musical Festival promoted by he school-teachers of the Liverpool Education Authority las year was so encouraging that the movement is continuing, and the local committee of teachers, of whom Mr. W. Scott school-songs for the massed singing, which has been callished by Messrs. Novello in an excellently bound olume. The music includes traditional melodies and songs,

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The fourteenth Musical Eisteddfod at New Brighton
Tower was successfully held on September 19, when a large offered in prizes, and the entries included seven mixednice choirs and twelve male-voice choirs, in addition to six hildren's choirs, and numerous competitors in the solo-voice Before delivering the adjudications Dr. McNaught mde an eloquent and touching reference to the passing of Mr. Harry Evans, in whom the country has lost a national ore in music. Despite the drawbacks suffered by several hoirs in the unavoidable absence of tenors and basses who had joined the colours, some very beautiful singing was heard. [A detailed account is given in The Competition Fertival Record.]

The Sunday Orchestral Concerts, conducted by Mr. T. Rimmer, at the New Brighton Tower, came to a close on September 20, when an 'All-British' programme of music was submitted. During the season the management has how enterprise in the engagement of first-rate artists of the calibre of Madame Ada Crossley, Sapellnikov, Mark Hambourg, Solomon, and Melsa, which has been duly

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> other Societies which have decided to carry on operations despite the problematical outlook include the Liverpool Choral Union, conducted by Mr. Ingram, and Madame Famy de Bouffler's Liverpool Ladies' Choir and Vocal Thion. Both of these Societies have commenced rehearsals, the Choral Union essaying familiar works in Smart's 'Bride of Dunkerron' and 'Messiah.'

#### MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT.

In the early days of August, to have talked of music during the coming winter seemed positively sinful; yet a brief six weks has shown our marvellous adaptability to the new order of things, economic and social, and we find all the dief Manchester organizations (and this is also true of Liverpool),—Halle's, Gentlemen's, Manchester 'Proms.,' Liverpool),—Halle's, Gentlemen's, Manchester 'Proms.,' hand Lane's, and Harrison's—proclaiming 'business as smal,' in the sense that there is to be no cessation of activities. The war has, however, meant the complete ollapse of the Hallé scheme outlined in my July notes. Mr. Balling was at Bayreuth when hostilities broke out, and everal of the principals are enforced absentees for similar cauons. In Balling's absence a season of guest-conductors was the only alternative. Elgar, Bantock, Cowen, Beecham, Harry, Ronald, Verbrugghen, and Savonov have all offered to come, some declining to receive any honorarium. To Mr. Wilson, the chorus-master, will probably fall the direction of some of the choral concerts, and here the necessity of economizing expenses will lead to the inclusion of several well-known oratorios. Bantock will, however, conduct the compressed version of 'Omar Khayyam,' which had already been fixed before the war.

During such a period choral music of the highest type sill probably make a wider appeal than orchestral music. It is the most democratic form that music takes, and the people's emotions are more deeply stirred in that way. There is good ground for the belief that an evening of the more massive architectural choruses of Handel, such as are heard at the Handel Festivals, or a selection from 'Israel in Egypt' would at a time like this stir the public in a profounder

and nobler way than would the theatricality of Rossini's 'Stabat Mater,' which is one of the selected works. Then what a heaven-sent opportunity to make up an evening or two with essentially patriotic choral works which under normal circumstances would not be admitted to a Hallé scheme on account of their relatively slender proportions, scheme on account of their relatively slender proportions, but which to-day are both singularly appropriate, and provide a vent for emotions evoked by doings on land and sea. Stanford's 'The Revenge,' 'The Battle of the Baltic,' and and 'Last Post'; Elgar's early 'Banner of St. George,' 'Coronation Ode,' 'Caractacus,' or 'King Olaf'; Rutland Boughton's 'Invincible Armada'; C. H. H. Parry's 'Ode to Music' or Blest Pair of Sirens'; Purcell's 'King Arthur'— Music or Blest Pair of Sirens'; Purcell's 'King Arthur'—
all come in such a category. Many people holding the view
that Hallé programmes are 'over their heads' would have
such ideas quickly dispelled. Whilst giving due weight
to the economic aspect of this season's working there
are no insuperable difficulties in the way of hiring
cheaply choral music of this type, and it cannot be said
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Berlioz's 'Faust' offers many attractions either to singers or listeners. These works happen to be in stock in the Choir's listeners, and that is all that can be said in favour of their inclusion. The proprietors of the Free Trade Hall, solo artists, and members of the orchestra, have all agreed to work through this season on diminished payments, and in other ways doubtless economies in management will be other ways quotiess economies in management will be effected. Is not this, too, a time to snatch advantages even out of our misfortunes, and besides popularising our programmes for a season, draw into the fold a larger public by reducing the prices in those parts which in recent seasons have frequently been rather empty? There should be no empty seats this winter. If at the end we find that whilst expenses are down support has approximated to normal, the poor musician must share in any surplus.

Mr. Brand Lane's series goes forward as originally announced, save that two of the early miscellaneous events disappear, one on account of the inability of Fraulein Freda Hempel to come to the opening concert.

The Manchester Orpheus Concert on September 26 abandoned the form originally contemplated, and was converted into a Prince of Wales's Fund 'patriotic' concert, contriving however to bring in some serious music.

The authorities connected with the Blackpool Festival

have deemed it unwise to proceed with this year's musicmaking, and have announced that as far as possible the 1914 syllabus shall stand for 1915.

The choral Societies of Preston and Bolton will give no

concerts until Christmas.

#### SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.

The war has naturally brought about a partial dislocation of the ordinary local winter season of music, but there is a general tendency to hold music in readiness and await the general tendency to noid music in readiness and await the trend of events before committal to any large or expensive enterprises. The abandonment of the Festival has to some extent freed certain branches of musical effort. The Sheffield Amateur Musical Society for example adhere to their full season's programme, namely 'Elijah' in December (Sir Henry Wood conducting), and Bantock's 'Omar Knayyam' (complete) in April, conducted by Mr. L. A. Rodgers.

Mr. J. A. Rodgers.

The Sheffield Musical Union will continue rehearsals under Dr. Coward, but it has been decided to abandon the ordinary Subscription Concerts and give only the special Christmas performance of 'Messiah.' Rehearsals are now Christmas performance of 'Messiah.' Rehearsals are now going on for 'The Golden Legend.' After Christmas a new British work will, it is stated, be taken in hand.

A similar course of tentative rehearsals is the wise policy of the Sheffield Teachers' Operatic Society, who are preparing 'The Gondoliers.' Another choral body working under the same conductor (Mr. J. Duffell) are rehearsing for a

Meanwhile an amateur body, the Concerts are revived. Concerts are revived. Meanwhile an amateur body, the Sheffield Symphony Orchestra, promise a series of three concerts to be conducted respectively by Mr. J. Duffell, Mr. J. F. Staton, and Mr. J. A. Rodgers. Mr. J. II. Parkes will conduct concerts by the junior branch of the same organization.

Miss Foxon's Chamber Concerts have been definitely abandoned. The Organists' Association and the Sheffield Playgoers' Society announce various musical performances.

The Victoria Hall Choral Society have already inaugurated the season with a performance of Haydn's conducted by Mr. H. C. Jackson.

#### YORKSHIRE.

Though the arrangements for the comirg musical season are still far from complete, it is already apparent that the number of concerts will be severely cut down, and that the programmes will follow the lines of least resistance. The Leeds Philharmonic Society intend to offer only three concerts, at which 'Messiah,' Verdi's 'Fequiem,' and concerts, at which 'Messiah.' Verdi's 'Fequiem,' and a programme by the New Symphony Orchestra will be given. The Leeds Choral Union also intend to pursue the path of safety, promising 'Elijah' and 'Hiawatha' in addition to a special War Relief concert, at which extracts from 'Judas Maccabaus' and 'Israel in Egypt' will be given. The Saturday Orchestral Concerts committee have prepared a most interesting series of six concerts. prepared a most interesting series of six concerts, with excellent programmes, and it is hoped that they will be persevered in. It is understood that the Leeds Bohemian Chamber Concerts will be continued as usual. The Bradford Subscription Concerts will be reduced to six; at three the Hallé Orchestra will appear, under the conductorship of Mr. Beecham, M Savonov, and Mr. Verbrugghen Mr. Beecham, M Savonov, and Mr. Verbrugghen respectively, while at a Choral Concert it is hoped Sir Edward Elgar will conduct. The Bradford Permanent Orchestra will, it is hoped, be able to carry out their programme of five concerts, which are to be conducted by Mr. Hamilton Harty and Mr. Julian Clifford. From this, which is only a very incomplete summary, it will be seen that two of the chief West Riding centres hope to keep the flag of music flying in these trying times. In the meantime the Harrogate Symphony Concerts, under Mr. Julian Clifford, have been satisfactorily maintained, and some interesting programmes have been carried out. On July 22 Mr. Percy E. Fletcher conducted, for the first time out of London, his recent 'Prelude to an Unwritten Symphony'; on July 30, Miss Miriam Timothy introduced a charming work by Ravel, an Introduction and Allegro for harp and orthester a on August 5 a Tone, poor by Mr. Edmondstonne. work by Ravel, an Introduction and Allegro for harp and orchestra; on August 5, a Tone-poem by Mr. Edmondstoune Duncan was heard; on August 12, Dr. Vaughan Williams conducted his recent 'London' Symphony; on August 19. Mr. Arthur Hervey conducted several of his orchestral compositions; on August 26, Sir Alexander Mackenzie introduced his 'Pibroch' Suite, with Mr. Rowsby Woof as solo violinist; on September 2, two recent pieces by Delius were heard; and on September 0. Sapellation placed Lieux'e were heard; and on September 9, Sapellnikov played Liszt's second Pianoforte concerto, and a new work by Mr. Ernest Farrar, a Tone-poem illustrating Matthew Arnold's Farrar, a Tone-poem illustrating Matthew As Forsaken Merman,' was heard for the first time. record is an honourable one, and shows genuine artistic enterprise.

## Country and Colonial Mews.

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BOURNEMOUTH. - Musical life here is uneventful, but it continues without serious interruption. The weekly Symphony Concerts are taking place as usual under Mr. Dan Godfrey's direction, a performance of Svendsen's first Symphony in D being among recent features of interest. Other concerts are taking place, at which well-known artists appear.

EASTBOURNE.—It has been decided by the Town Count to maintain an orchestra of thirty-one to play daily dum the autumn and winter months, a first-class orchestra to ph during the summer, and a military band to play on the a front all the year round. The Corporation is to pay 2300 front all the year round. The Corporation is to pay £300 per annum to the Devonshire Park Company towards in £7,336 per annum which the scheme is expected to cost.

JOHANNESBURG.—On July 29 a large audience was attracted to the Wanderers' Hall for the performance Coleridge-Taylor's 'Hiawatha's Wedding-feast' a 'The death of Minnehaha,' by The death of Mineralia, Philharmonic Choral and Orchestral Society, Unk Mr. Laurence R. Glenton's direction the work of the choir maintained its high standard. The soloists we Mrs. Stanley Anderson, Mr. Melner-Smythe, as Mr. J. Paterson.

PRETORIA.—A concert was successfully St. Andrew's Choir on August 12. Dudley Buck's Him to music, 'Charles Macpherson's arrangement of 'Dunce Gray,' and Eaton Faning's 'Song of the Vikings,' we sung under the direction of Mr. W. S. Yates, songs were give by Mrs. J. A. Green and Mr. Owen Ashford, and instrument contributions were made by Messis. C. Israel, A. Wilms and W. S. Yates, and by Miss F. Crawford.

SOUTHPORT.-The Orchestral Society have arranged hold their three Subscription Concerts as usual during the coming season, the following being the dates: November: January 29, and March 26. Miss Ruth Vincent and Mr John Clarke have already been engaged, and negotiating are in progress with Mr. Alfred Cortot, the well-known French planist. The sum of £15 was voted to the Prince of Wales's Fund.

STOURBRIDGE. - The Stourbridge Concert Societ conducted by Mr. George Halford, announce the follows for performance during the coming season: 'St. Cedit Day' (Parry), 'The Black Knight' (Elgar), 'Pastor Day (Parry), 'The Black Knight' (Elgar), 'Pator Symphony' (Beethoven), Acts I and 3 of 'The fly Dutchman' (Wagner), Act 3 of 'Tannhäuser' (Wagner, 'Hiawatha' (Coleridge-Taylor).

VANCOUVER (B.C.).—The prospectus of the Vancouve Musical Society, conducted by Mr. G. P. Hicks, announce performances of Brahms's 'Song of Destiny,' 'The Menial

WILLOWMORE (SOUTH AFRICA). - Gaul's 'The Ho City' was performed with highly creditable success at the Town Hall on July 21, by the Willowmore Choral Society a body of thirty-eight voices under the direction of Mr. I Codner. Accompaniments were played by Mrs. H. Codner. and the solo parts were taken by Mrs. J. H. Jouber Mrs. F. W. Baker, Mr. S. Rademeyer, and A. E. Jubb.

## Foreign Motes.

BUENOS AYRES.

During a performance of the well-known patient operetta 'La fille du tambour-major,' by Offenback, a hostile manifestation against Germany arose and becames violent that the performance had to be stopped.

FLORENCE.

Some very interesting letters by Monteverde, recondiscovered by Gabriele d'Annunzio, are in course publication.

MILAN.

The famous French violinist, Henry Marteau (professor the Royal High School for Music at Berlin), has best detained at Lichtenberg, Bavaria, being a non-commission officer in the French Army.

MONTE CARLO.

Under the presidency of the Prince of Monaco at Dr. Camille Saint-Saëns, a committee has been formed provide for the wives and children of all the artists of the Opéra at Monte Carlo who are actually serving with the control of French colours.

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PARIS.

The celebrated patriotic poet and singer, Theodore Botrel, has been authorized by the Minister of War to give recitals of his patriotic songs and poems at the military camps and hospitals.—Arthur de Greef, the popular Belgian pianist al composer, has enlisted in the Belgian Army.

## Miscellaneous.

According to Board of Trade figures the German and According to Board of Trade ngures the Calman Asstrain exports of musical instruments before the war amounted to £748,200 to the United Kingdom and the most see to other markets. Here is a magnificent opportunity for the British manufacturer.

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We understand that the War Office Council has arranged with Mr. C. J. Bishenden to give concerts of patriotic and other better-class British music to cheer and interest the wounded in the war hospitals.

Amongst the many who are detained in Germany by the war are Dr. Arthur G. Claypole, of Derby, and his wife, Dr. Percy C. Hull, and Mr. Benjamin Dale.

Mr. Basil Cameron Hindenburg, the English musician whose work as musical director at Torquay Pavilion is universally praised, has decided to be known in future as Mr. Basil Cameron.

The National Orchestral Association, a body of over 2,000 members, has decided to expel all German and Austrian members without exception.

The Autumn term at the London College of Music, Great Marlborough Street, opened on September 21.

## Answers to Correspondents.

L.L.T.—Our own columns, in this and the previous issue, contain abundant information as to the various National

STEPHEN.—A caricature by Gustave Doré, of Berlioz conducting a concert of the Philharmonic Society at Paris, was reproduced in our issue of July, 1903.

HARROW .- Ves; Goldmark wrote an opera, 'The cricket on the hearth.' It was produced at Vienna on March 21, 1806.

B. B.-Herr Balling is a Bavarian. He is in Germany, and it is assumed that his connection with the Hallé concerts is at an end.

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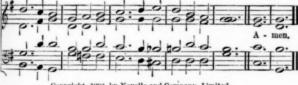
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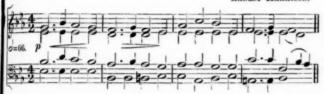
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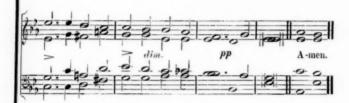
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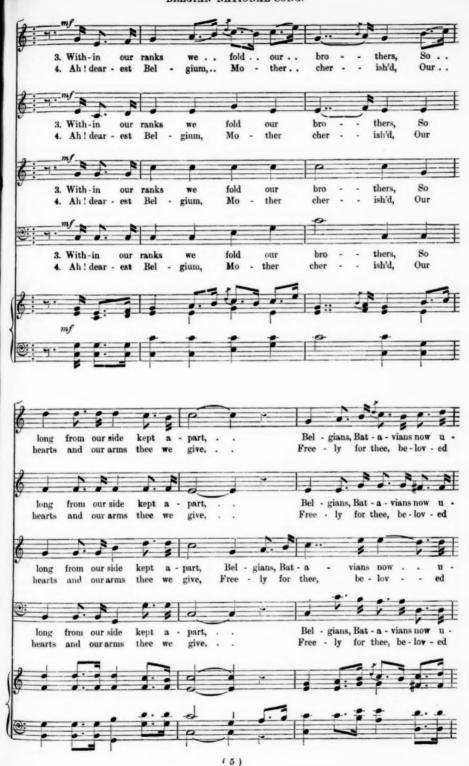
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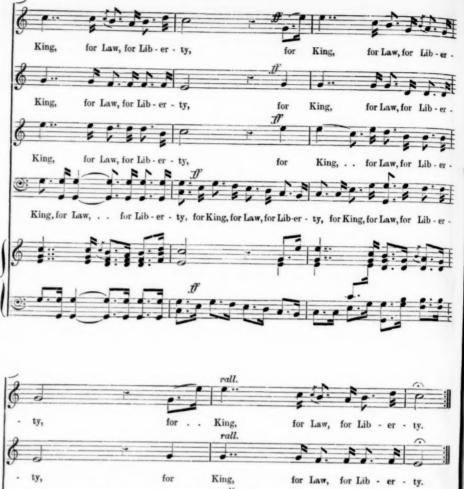
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